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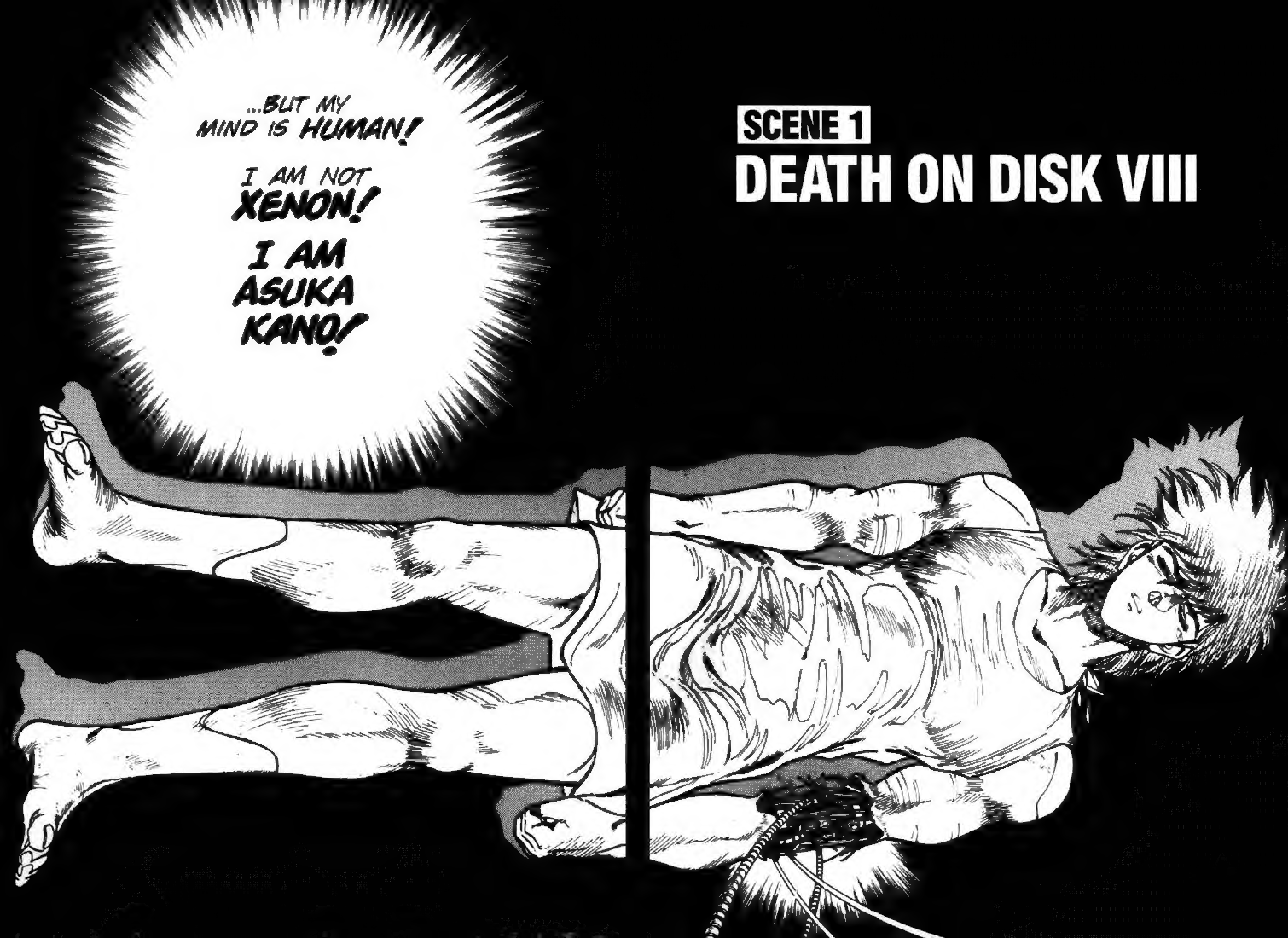
DAMN THE BLOODY SEA--
THE COLD, RUTHLESS KILLING
MACHINE THAT **STOLE** MY HUMANITY
AND **MURDERED** MY MOTHER!
NOW I LIE HERE ON AN OPERATING
TABLE, MY LEFT ARM **BLOWN OFF** BY
THEIR FREAKOID "AGENTS"...
AND IN THE GAPING WOUND,
I SEE **OIL** MIXED WITH BLOOD,
CABLES INSTEAD OF MUSCLES, **WIRES**
INSTEAD OF ARTERIES! THE BLOODY
SEA MADE MY BODY INTO A **MACHINE**,
A MACHINE LIKE **THEM**...



SCENE 1

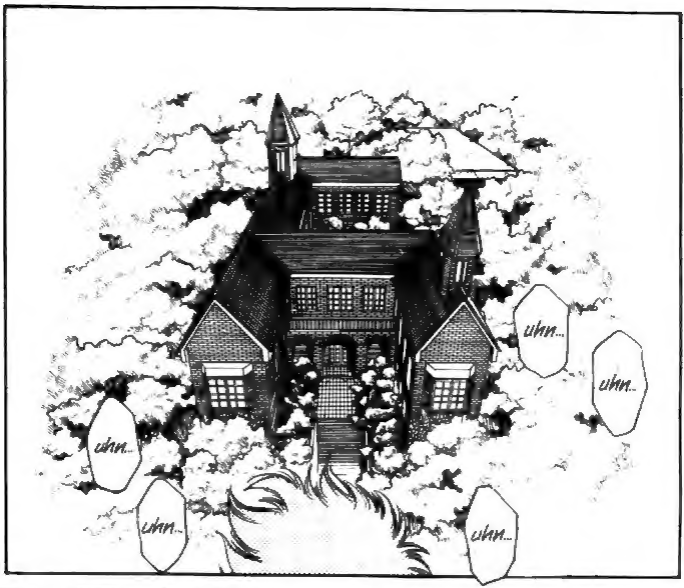
DEATH ON DISK VIII

phew!
THE NEW CONNECTION WENT WELL...
KLIK
...ALTHOUGH THIS WAS A MAKESHIFT OPERATION, THE XENONICS K30 IS HARDENING PROPERLY..
...BUT IS IT THE RIGHT THING FOR ASUKA..?
GRAMS!
I DON'T LIKE WHAT WE'VE DONE EITHER, BUT WE HAD NO CHOICE!
YOU'VE SPENT A FORTUNE ON MATERIALS IN OUR BATTLE WITH THE BLOODY SEA, BUT THERE'S A LIMIT TO YOUR RESOURCES!
WE HAVE TO FIGHT WITHIN THAT LIMIT!
ASUKA WILL UNDERSTAND!

YOU'RE RIGHT. I SHOULDN'T WORRY...
...SORRY.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT...
..THE BLOODY SEA DESERVES THE BLAME!
I'LL TALK TO ASUKA ABOUT IT...

I'VE GOT HIM, RYUJI! NOW SHOOT!
NOOOO!

I... COULDN'T DO A DAMN THING..
...EVER SINCE I CAN REMEMBER, I'VE BELIEVED THAT ALL I WOULD NEED IN LIFE IS STRENGTH...
...I'VE WORKED HARD TO BE STRONG!
BUT IN THEIR FIGHT, MY STRENGTH IS USELESS!
IS MY WHOLE LIFE A LIE?!


uhn...
uhn...
uhn...
uhn...
uhn...

STRUGGLE A WHILE LONGER, SILLY BOY! SUFFER!
I AM YOUR KARMA!

T...
TONO
!
uhn...
uhn...
uhn...
uhn...
uhn...
uhn...
uhn...
EVEN WITH A BODY OF METAL AND PLASTIC, I CAN STILL DREAM...
...MY-- MY LEFT ARM
!

WAS THAT A DREAM, TOO, OR.?
DON'T YOU KNOW WHERE RISA IS? I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR HER ALL MORNING.
I SAW HER IN THE NORTH WING A WHILE AGO.

OH, THERE SHE IS..
...RISA!
URK!
uh-Oh..
RISA?!
YAWN!
RISA!
RISA-- WAIT!
WHAT'S GOT INTO HER?!
WHY IS SHE ACTING SO WEIRD?!

THUS THE BEAUTIFUL LOVE AFFAIR BETWEEN RISA AND SONOKO HAS MET WITH AN UNTIMELY END.
hrmph
NAAAH!
huh?
SHE HAS NO REASON TO AVOID ME!
PSYCHO.
MAYBE SHE'S FINALLY GOT A BOYFRIEND.
GR
RR
ha! ha!
NAH! I DON'T THINK SO!
BUT WHAT...?
WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO HER?
uh-oh!
SHE'S IN HER OWN WORLD AGAIN!
BRRRING

WOW!
LOOKS GREAT!
SUZUK
RISA.
OH, IT'S YOU, YOKO..
750
WOULD YOU COME WITH ME? I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU

SO, YOU SAW THE GUYS WHO KILLED ASUKA'S MOTHER, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU KNOW HOW THEY CHANGED ASUKA'S BODY
WE'RE RISKING OUR LIVES TO FIGHT AGAINST THEM!
I KNOW IT'S HARD FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND, RISA. I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT IT

BUT NOW THAT YOU DO.
..PLEASE DON'T TELL SONOKO, ALL RIGHT ?
I DON'T WANT TO BLAB TO HER
..I FEEL SORRY FOR ASUKA, TOO..
..BUT WHY DOES A SWEET KID LIKE SONOKO HAVE TO GO THROUGH SUCH A SAD AFFAIR OF THE HEART ?
IT'S LIKE A POEM I READ ONCE..
LOVE IS A SICKNESS FULL OF WOES..

FZZZOOOOM!
"A SICKNESS FULL OF WOES.."
HOW SAD..
BRRM
BRRM
SCREEE
KRESH
KACHK

ASUKA ?
KUNK
NOW, CALM DOWN, ASUKA !
OH, SH-SHUT UP !
Vrmph
ASUKA !
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE ?!

WH-WHAT'S GOING ON...?!
THAT'S MY QUESTION, EXACTLY!
EVEN THOUGH YOU MANAGED TO BRING BACK MOST OF MY LEFT ARM, I STILL WONDERED HOW YOU COULD REPLACE ALL THOSE MISSING PARTS.
NOW I KNOW!
WHIPP
SNAP
HE K-KILLED MY MOTHER, BUT YOU STILL USED NUMBER 204's PARTS ON ME--
ON ME!

BUT, ASUKA! PLEASE THINK--
JUST SHUT UP! WHAT A CRU L JOKE--GRAF IG HIS MURDERIN ARM ONTO MY B-BODY !
ZZHHUURRUU
YOKO, YOU KNEW MY CYBORG HALF WAS MAKING ME CR-CRAZY, AND YOU STILL LET HIM DO THIS?!
ZZHHUURRUU
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL, HUH? THIS ARM K-KILLED MY MOTHER!
STOP IT! JUST STOP IT!
!!
AAAA AGH!!
uhn
uhn
uhn

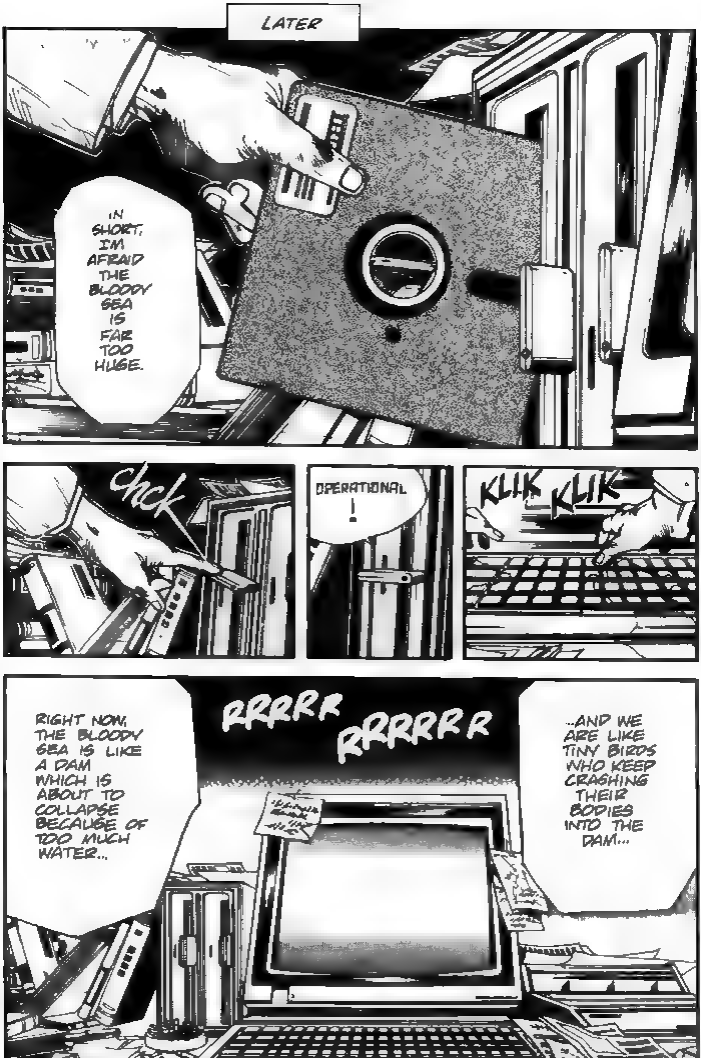
WHOMP
DON'T TOUCH ME!
HER BODY! IT'S REJECTING ITS CYBORG PARTS AGAIN!
WH--
uhn
uhn
uhn
ungh
--WHO ARE WE FIGHTING AGAINST, ASUKA?
DO YOU KNOW?
THE BLOODY SEA IS A HUGE, FORMLESS ENEMY..
uhn
uhn
uhn
uhn
...WE CAN'T EVEN START TO IDENTIFY OUR FOE!
WHY ARE YOU FIGHTING, ASUKA?
AREN'T YOU FIGHTING TO AVENGE YOURSELF.. AND YOUR MOTHER?

IS YOUR RESENTMENT TOWARD THEM SO WEAK, SO SMALL?
YOKO!
UNGH!
I'M NOT LIKE YOU! I'LL NEVER FORGET WHO MY ENEMY IS!
AND I'LL DO ANYTHING TO DESTROY THEM! IF I DIE, I WANT YOU TO USE MY LEGS!
AND IF YOU DIE, ASUKA, GIVE ME YOUR BODY!
I'LL FIGHT IN THAT BODY OF YOURS— TO THE DEATH!

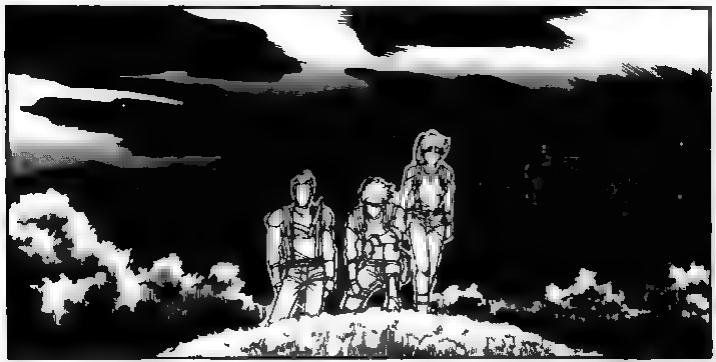
TO DO LESS, IS TO LET THE BLOODY SEA WIN!
WE CAN'T WASTE A DROP OF BLOOD, EVEN IF IT IS OUR ENEMY'S!
BUT, YOKO...
WE FIGHT WITH PRIDE, ASUKA, AND TO THE BITTER END... OR WE DON'T FIGHT AT ALL!

SCENE 2

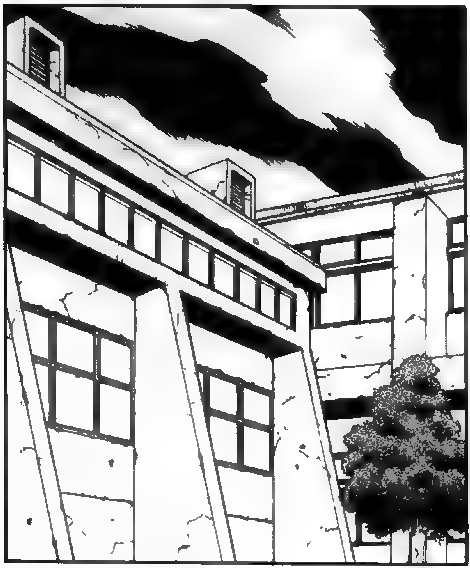
DEATH ON DISK IX

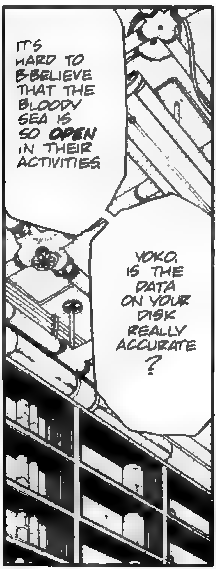

LATER
IN SHORT, I'M AFRAID THE BLOODY SEA IS FAR TOO HUGE.
chck
OPERATIONAL !
KLIK KLIK
RIGHT NOW, THE BLOODY SEA IS LIKE A DAM WHICH IS ABOUT TO COLLAPSE BECAUSE OF TOO MUCH WATER...
RRRRR RRRRRR
...AND WE ARE LIKE TINY BIRDS WHO KEEP CRASHING THEIR BODIES INTO THE DAM...

..BIRDS WHO CRASH INTO RANDOM PLACES WILL EVENTUALLY BREAK THEIR BEAKS...
..AND DIE!
BUT, IF THEY CONCENTRATE ON ONE SPOT, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO CREATE A CRACK!
TOGETHER, WE WILL MAKE THAT SMALL CRACK!
THE SMALL CRACK WILL GROW INTO A BIG CRACK, AND THE DAM OF THE BLOODY SEA WILL BURST!



LET'S GO!
OKAY!

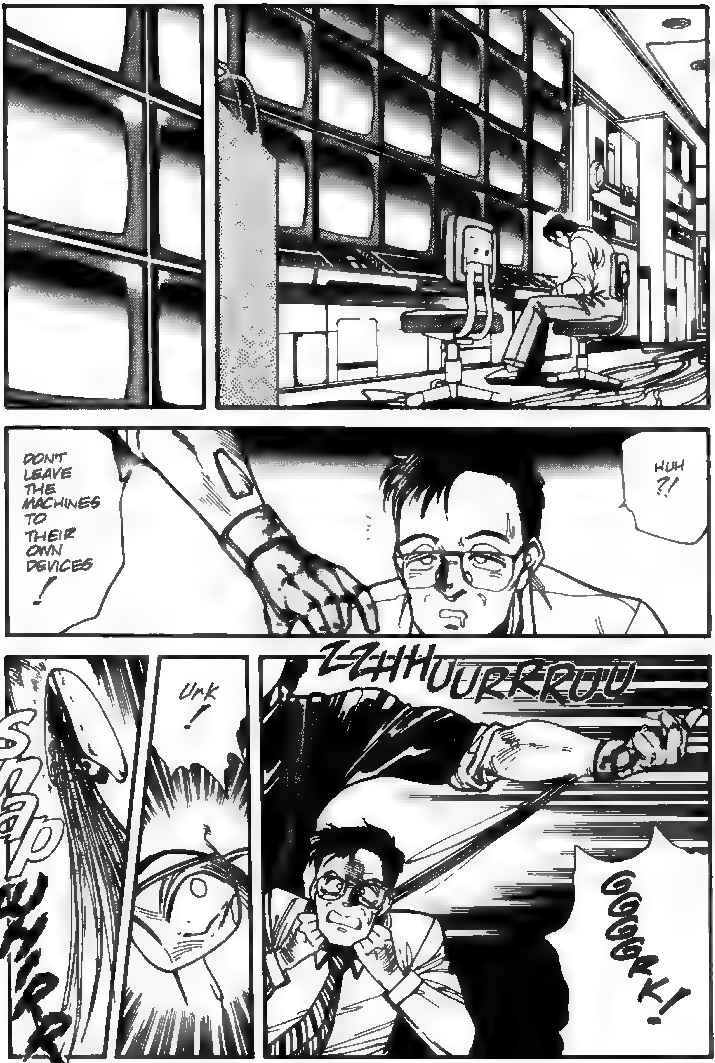



IT'S HARD TO B-BELIEVE THAT THE BLOODY SEA IS SO OPEN IN THEIR ACTIVITIES
YOKO, IS THE DATA ON YOUR DISK REALLY ACCURATE?

KRACK!
ZEEE CHONK
ZEEE CHONK
SEE FOR YOURSELF, ASUKA
GIANT EYEBALLS ?

THE BLOODY SEA HAS PENETRATED MUCH OF JAPAN'S INDUSTRY
A LITTLE DIGGING REVEALED A LOT OF CORRUPTION.
WHY DOESN'T SOME POLITICIAN STOP IT?
GOOD PR, ASUKA.
THE BLOODY SEA CLEVERLY MANIPULATES PUBLIC OPINION
MOST PEOPLE WOULD RATHER NOT KNOW THE TRUTH..
THE BLOODY SEA MAKES SURE THE PUBLIC NEVER FACES UP TO REALITY.

Central Control Room


DONT LEAVE THE MACHINES TO THEIR OWN DEVICES !
HUH ?!
Unk !
SNAP SHRR
Z-ZHH UREROU
GGGGAK!

DO YOU KNOW A GUY NAMED TONO ?
KLIK KLIK
N-NO, I DON'T
ZEEE CHONK
HMMMM.
THIS SIDE IS ALL SET! ARE YOU READY YOKO?
ZEEE CHONK
YOKO ?

heh
BROOSH
BROOSH
BROOSH
SPANG
SPANG
SPANG
EEEEE!

KA-SH
KABLAM
YOU KILLED HIM JUST TO SHUT HIM UP?!
DIRTY MURDERER!
WHOM

HEH
BROOSH
SPANG
SPANG
SPANG
SPANG
SPANG
TINK
TINK
I EXPECTED MORE FROM ONE OF THE BLOODY SEA'S MURDER MACHINES.

DIDN'T THEY TELL YOU TO AIM AT MY HEAD?
ZZHHUURRRUU
NOOO!
G-GUH!
ZZHHURM
ZZH HRMM ZZH
THIS IS MY MESSAGE TO TONO!
ENJOY DELIVERING IT FOR ME!
SPLORSH

SNICK
WHOOSH
ungh
WHAM
BLAM

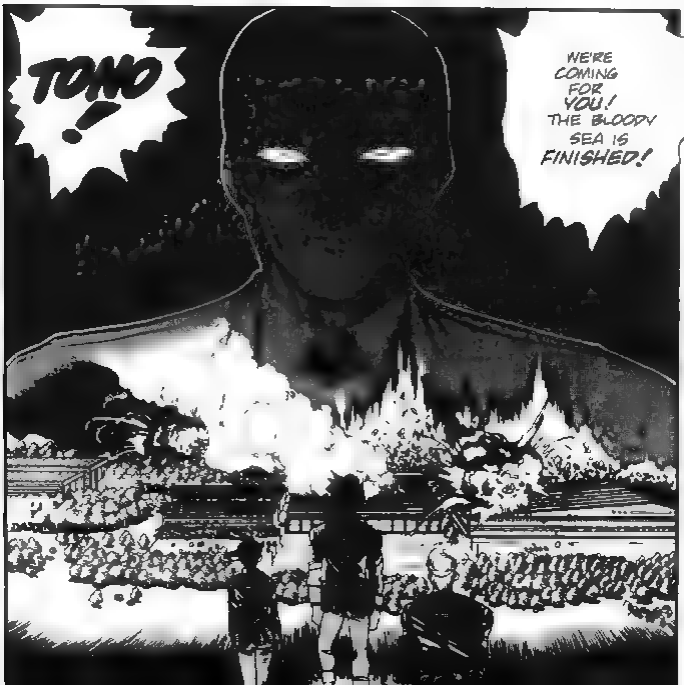
DAMN..
KRACKLLL
KRACKLLL
SO, LITTLE MOUSE. HOW DO YOU LIKE IT? PARALYZED YET?
SSSNNSSLLL
SSSNNSSLLL
...FEELS LIKE..
MY BODY.
MADE OF LEAD..
DIE!
SSSNNSSLLL
AAAGH!!

RVUTI
!!
WHOOSH
WHA?!
GRPPP

C'MON, RYUJI! THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME!
..Y-YEAH... RIGHT..
NOW!
BLAM

KABOOM!!

N-NOW THE REAL SHOW STARTS!
CRNCH
HE'S STAYED IN THE SHADOWS TOO LONG!


TONO!
WE'RE COMING FOR YOU! THE BLOODY SEA IS FINISHED!

J ELECTRONICS, KANAGAWA FACTORY
T UNIVERSITY, TSUKUBA LABORATORY
V INDUSTRIES, FUKUSHIMA BRANCH
ONLY HE COULD DO THIS! IT'S HIM! HYDEMON NITTA!
WE MUST DESTROY NITTA'S MANSION!
TONO!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO INTERFERE IN MY BUSINESS..
harumph! gggrrr.. mmll..

WHAT'S HAPPENED WITH YOU, RISA? YOU'RE ACTING SO WEIRD!
YOU TREAT ME LIKE A LEPER-- YOU WON'T EVEN COME OVER TO GRANDPA'S HOUSE ANYMORE!
I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE, RISA!
FINE, THEN. I'LL JUST GO THERE WITHOUT YOU.
NO! YOU SHOULDN'T SEE ASUKA EVER, EVER, EVER AGAIN!
AHA! I KNEW IT/ SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM AGAIN, HASN'T IT?
..DON'T SEE ASUKA ANYMORE YOU'LL BE SORRY..

WHY IS EVERYONE AGAINST US !?
I WAS NEARLY KILLED, BUT I'LL STILL FIGHT AT HIS SIDE!
FIRST, GRANDPA- NOW YOU, TOO.
I WONT STOP LOVING HIM! I WON'T!
SO TELL ME WHAT IT IS, RISA! WHY DON'T YOU LIKE HIM ?
I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING !
WAAAH!
EVERYTHING? EVEN IF I TELL YOU ASUKA IS.
...A MACHINE !?

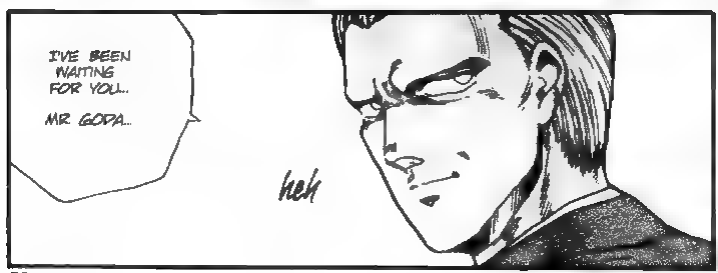
...A MACHINE..
CANT BE...
ASUKA IS

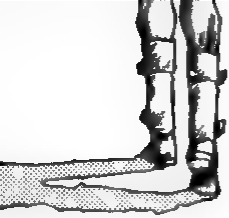
UFF
UFF
UFF

WHEN THIS WHOLE NIGHTMARE BEGAN...
...IF I HAD ONLY HAD THE POWER OF ASUKA AND YOKO...
ANYONE ?
FIRE !
...I COULD HAVE SAVED AT LEAST ONE OF THE GUYS IN MY GANG...
ANSWER ME, DAMN IT! SOMEONE ANSWER ME!
WHO THE HELL DID THIS TO YOU ?!
FREAKS
IF ONLY...
PUH
BAP
BAP
PUH
BAP
PUH
BAP
...IF ONLY I HAD THEIR POWER !
PUH

IF YOKO'S DISK IS RIGHT.. THIS IS THE PLACE!
SHHHHHHSH
SHHHHHHSH
THIS WAY, SIR.

SO YOU ARE HERE...
TONO!


I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU..
MR. GODA..
heh



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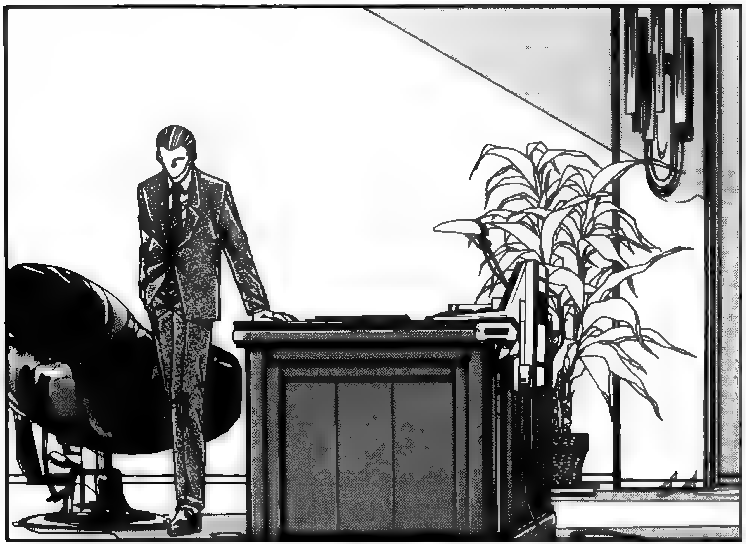
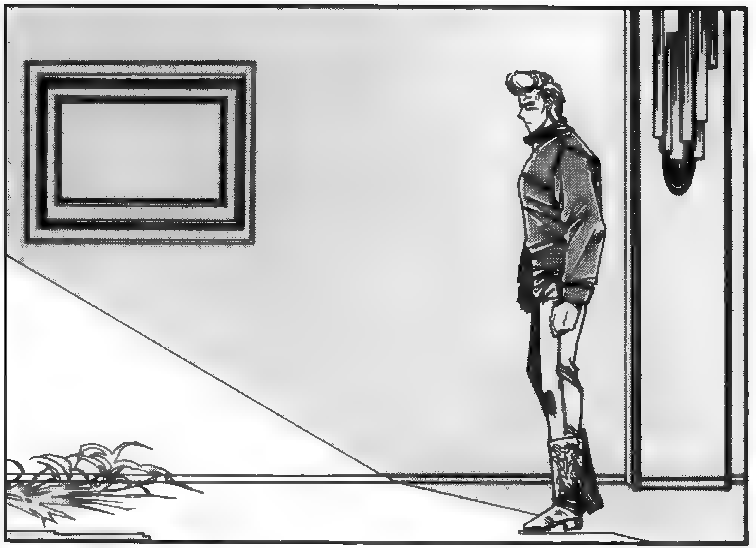
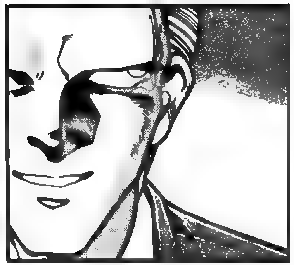
DEATH ON DISK X



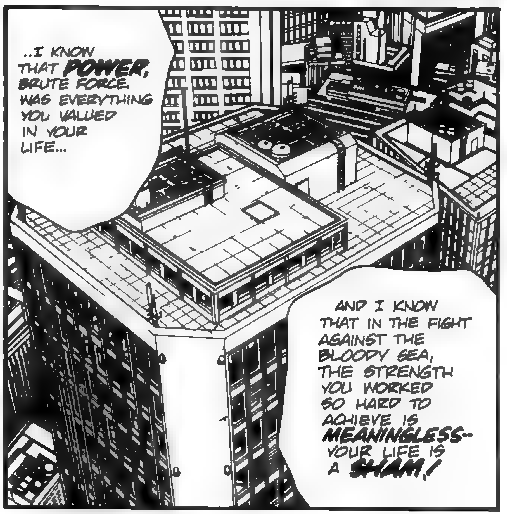


YOUR NAME IS MR. GODA - ISN'T IT ?

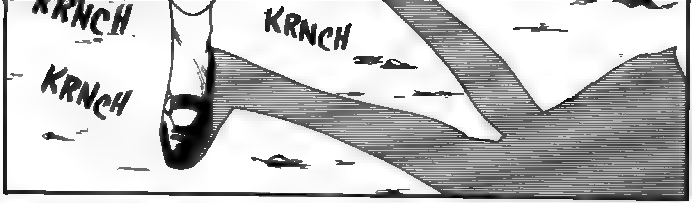
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME ?!

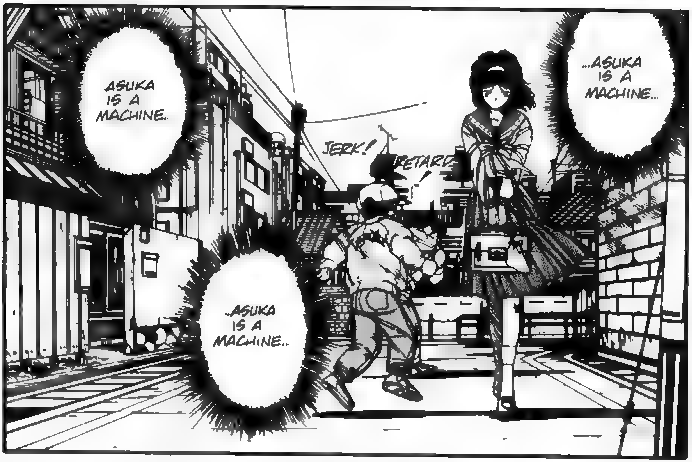


I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.


..I KNOW THAT POWER, BRUTE FORCE, WAS EVERYTHING YOU VALUED IN YOUR LIFE...
AND I KNOW THAT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE BLOODY SEA, THE STRENGTH YOU WORKED SO HARD TO ACHIEVE IS MEANINGLESS-- YOUR LIFE IS A SHAM!

YOU WANT ME TO GIVE YOU POWER. TO MAKE YOU A HEAVY METAL WARRIOR!

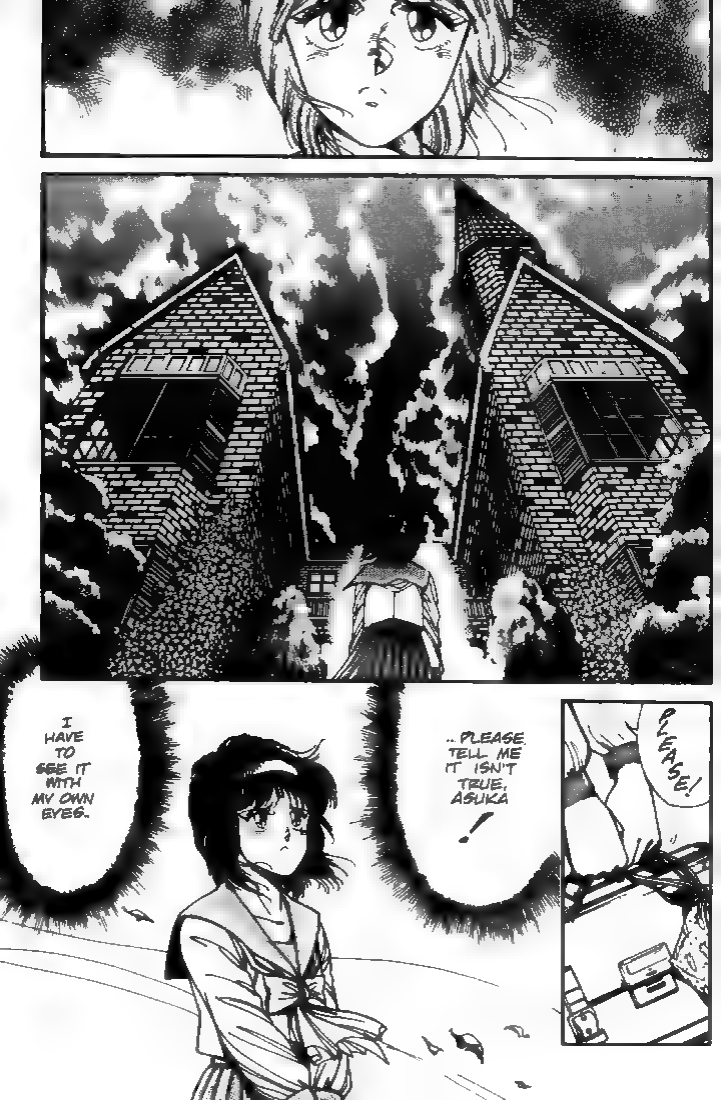

KRNCH
KRNCH
KRNCH


ASUKA IS A MACHINE.
JERK!
RETARD
...ASUKA IS A MACHINE...
...ASUKA IS A MACHINE...

HE'S LIKE THAT FREAKAZOID THAT ATTACKED US BEFORE!

"I SAW IT, I TELL YOU!"
IT CAN'T BE..

...IT CAN'T BE..
...IT CAN'T BE!


I HAVE TO SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES.
..PLEASE TELL ME IT ISN'T TRUE, ASUKA!
PLEASE!

GRAMPS! ASUKA! COME QUICK!
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO RYUJI!
Justice w/out strength is useless!
Justice w/out strength is useless!
WH-WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
HMM
I THINK HE'S TAKEN SOME OF THE DATA FROM MY DISK! AND I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE YESTERDAY!
HE WOULDN'T BE ST-STUPID ENOUGH TO ATTACK THE BLOODY SEA HIMSELF!
WOULD HE?

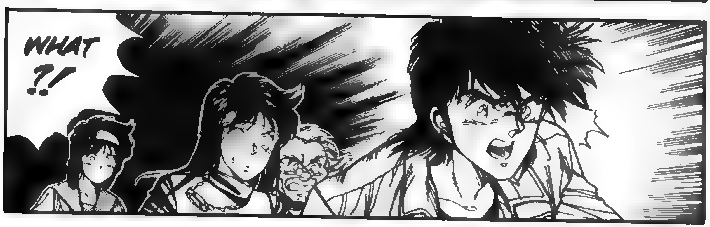
Klick
UHM..
HI ASUKA.
WELL..
HHELLO, SONOKO.
YEAH, SONOKO, YOU LOOK WHITE AS A GHOST!
..WHAT'S THE MATTER ?
HHAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND FOR A WHILE..
KRENKEC

WELL.. IT'S NOTHING IMPORTANT.. JUST
RIKA, WELL...SHE TOLD ME SOMETHING SCARY..
..SHE SAID ASUKA TURNS INTO A ROBOT MONSTER..
I I HAD A DREAM LIKE THAT..
ASUKA JUST TRANSFORMED IN MY DREAM. HE KILLED BAD GUYS IT WAS JUST LIKE ON TV
BUT I HAD THAT DREAM WHILE I WAS UNCONSCIOUS. WHEN I WAS ATTACKED BY THOSE FREAKS..
SOOKO

SO I BEGAN TO WONDER IF IF IT MIGHT BE TRUE!
I HAVE TO KNOW! I CAN'T KEEP WONDERING!
IT'S NOT TRUE, IS IT?
TELL ME IT'S NOT TRUE, ASUKA!
SOMEKO!
SHOO!!
ASUKA?
STOP LYING TO HER!

SONOKO WILL FIND IT OUT SOONER OR LATER..
WE SHOULD HAVE TOLD HER FROM THE BEGINNING..
...LISTEN, SONOKO..
NOOO!
IT'S LIKE REIKA SAYS... JUST AS YOU REMEMBER IT...
I WAS CREATED BY PEOPLE CALLED THE BLOODY SEA...
DON'T, ASUKA!
...I AM A MACHINE!

KABLAM!
WH-WHAT WAS THAT ?!
BOOM
IT CAME FROM THE WEST WING !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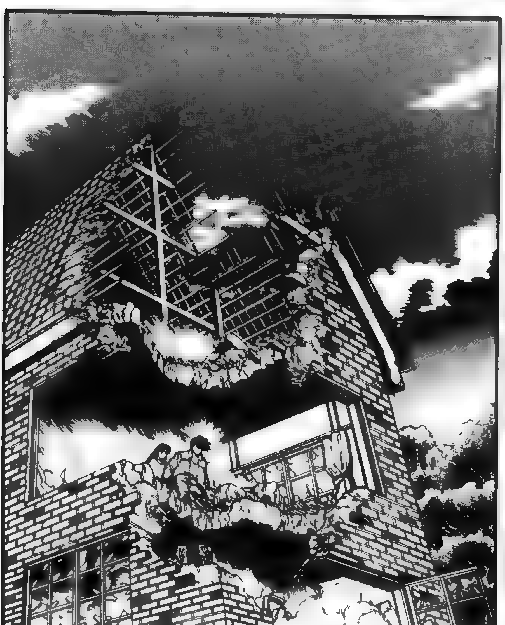

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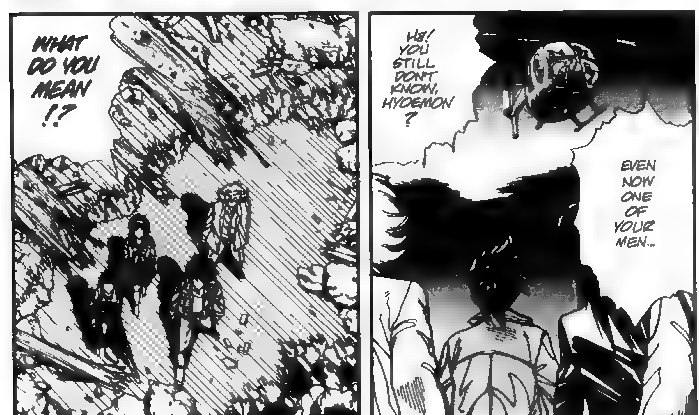
I DON'T BELIEVE IT/
IT'S---
--ICHIMURA!!
WHUP WHUP WHUP
HEH HEH HEH
HYDEMON, YOUR FATE IS FINALLY SEALED/ YOU'VE BEEN BETRAYED/
A JUDAS WAS IN YOUR CAMP ALL ALONG.. AND NOW YOUR END IS AT HAND/


WHAT DO YOU MEAN !?
HA! YOU STILL DON'T KNOW, HYDEMON ?
EVEN NOW ONE OF YOUR MEN..

IS SIGNING A PACT WITH THE DEVIL!
KRENKEL
HE'S ASKED TONO TO MAKE HIM XENON!
NO...
Justice w/out th st less!
RYUJI-- YOU F-FOOL!
IT CAN'T BE!
DOCTOR ICHIMURA!
ARE YOU AUTHORIZED TO DO THIS WITHOUT TONO'S COMMAND?
YOU MADE ME DO THIS!
WHOP WHOP WHOP
SHUT UP! I'M COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE!

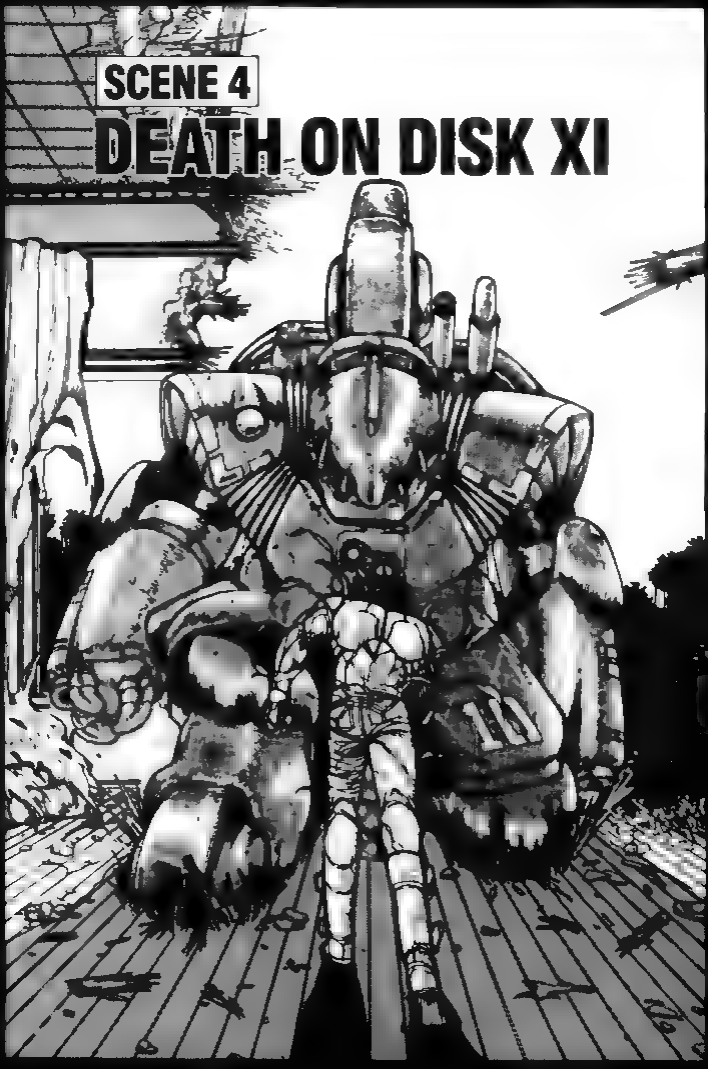
NOW, XENON.. ACCEPT THIS SMALL TOKEN OF MY ADMIRATION!
!
GRRRM
GRRRM
GRRRM
THERE'S SOMETHING M-MOVING UNDERGROUND!
RETREAT!

GRRR
KRASH!

FR-FROM UNDER THE GROUND ?!
KLANG!
KRKRNCH
KRNK
VRRRR
VROOOM
YOKO-- PROTECT S-SONOKO AND GRAMPS!

YOU WANTED TO KNOW MY SECRET, SONOKO..
KATHOOM KATHOOM
GADOOM
...NOW STAND BACK AND LEARN WHAT I REALLY AM!
NO, ASUKA..
PLEASE, ASUKA... DON'T DO IT.
NO!
BRAINWIPED

THE BLOODY SEA'S EXPERIMENT X-777 MADE ME WHAT I AM TODAY-- XENON, A HEAVY METAL WARRIOR!


SCENE 4
DEATH ON DISK XI

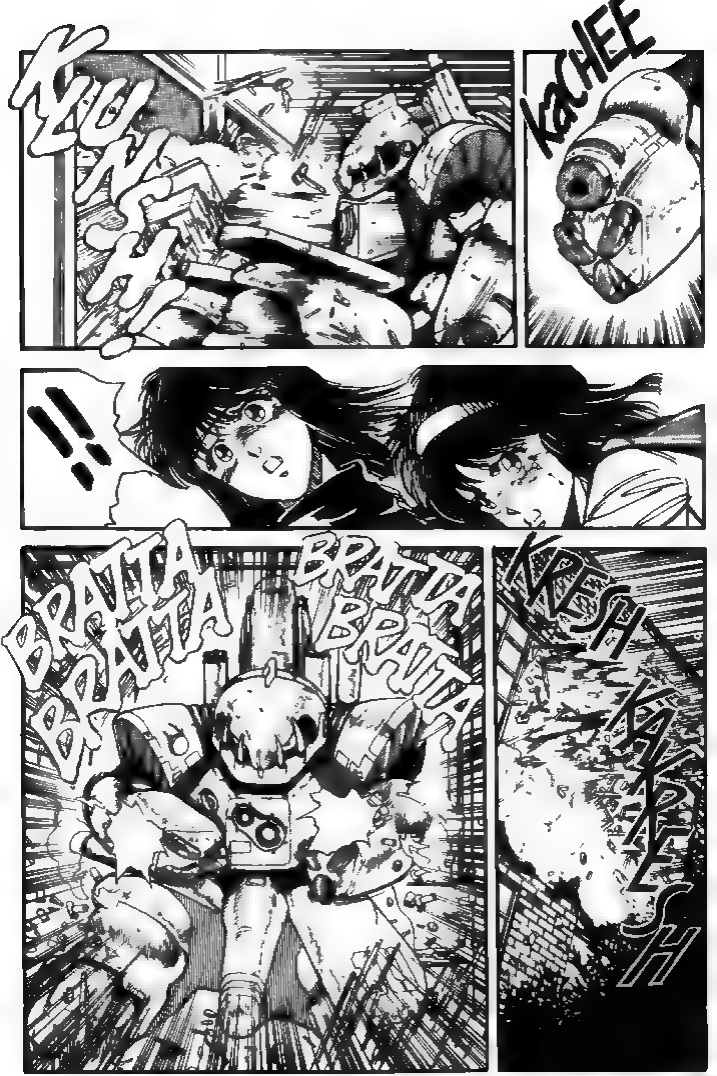
HOW CAN YOU DO THIS TO ME?!
uhn... uhn...
uhn... uhn...

COME ON, FREAK!
I'M READY FOR YOU!
VRR
VROOM
WHONK!
CRUSH HIM, RED BEARD!

HE'S COMING!
G-GET BACK!
ASUKA! YOU MUST GO BACK FOR YOUR HELMET!
WHRRRMMM
ORYAAAAH!!

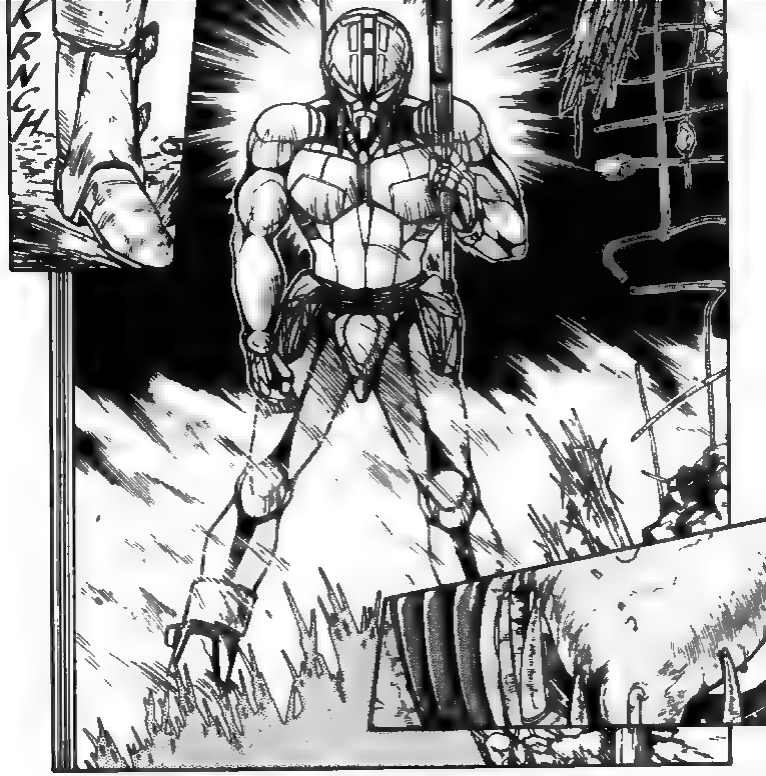
KRSH!
UNGH!
ASUKA!
KAKLUNK
SK SK SK SK
VROOOM
MY HELMET! IN THERE
B-BASTARD!
VRRM

SKRRR


KACHEE
!!
BRATTA BRATTA
BRATTA BRATTA
KRSH KRSH

ASUKA!
WE'LL KILL HIM!
DON'T
MAKE HIM STOP!
ICHIMURA, THIS IS BETWEEN YOU AND ME!
THESE CHILDREN HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT! YOUR MISUNDERSTANDING IS WITH ME!
"MISUNDERSTANDING?!"
YOU TOOK AWAY MY RESEARCH. STOLE MICHIYO FROM ME... WHAT IS THERE TO MISUNDERSTAND?!

HOW CAN YOU JUSTIFY WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO ME?!
"MICHIYO"?
..DOES HE MEAN GRANDMA.?
MICHIYO CAME TO ME! SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
YOUR EXPERIMENTS WITH CONTROLLING PEOPLE BY REMOTE CONTROL WERE EVIL!
MICHIYO WAS SO REVOLTED BY WHAT YOU WERE DOING... YOUR RESEARCH GREW MORE DEPRAVED WITH EACH PASSING DAY!
MICHIYO WORRIED HERSELF SICK ABOUT HOW YOU WERE CHANGING!
DON'T LIE TO ME!
KRRINK


KRNCH

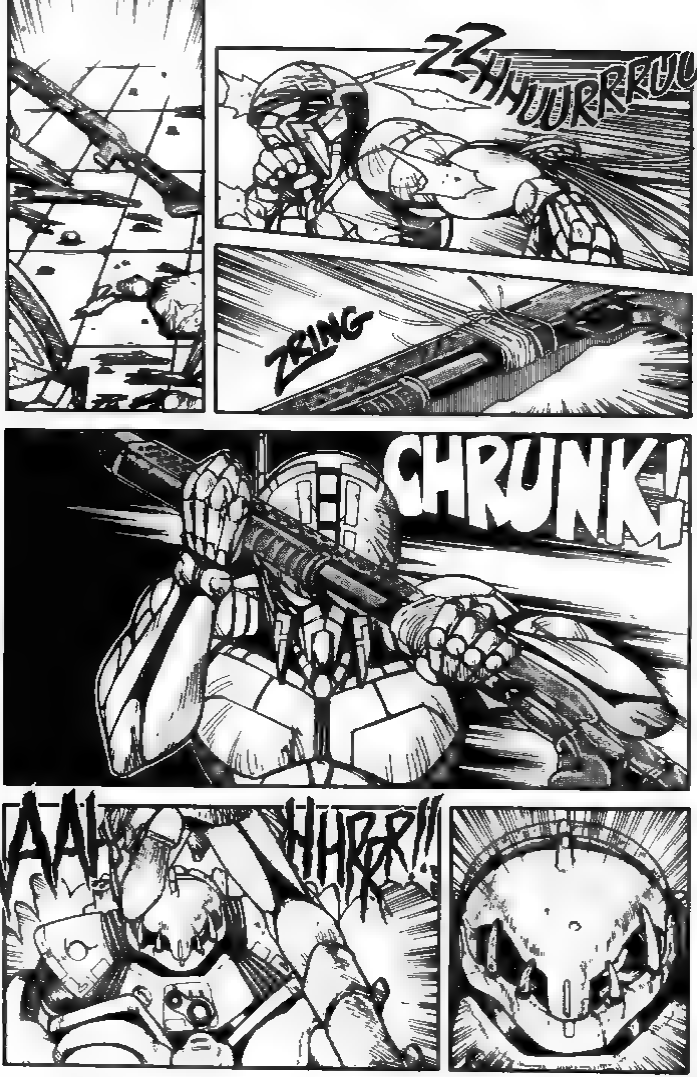
IT SEEMS OUR DUEL CAN'T BE SETTLED WITH GUNS. IT'LL HAVE TO BE HAND TO-HAND COMBAT-- TO THE DEATH!

reeeKLICK
SHEEOOM
SHKRREEEE
KRK!

IT CAN'T BE TRUE!
IT IS! I SWEAR IT!
ON THE DAY YOU LEFT THE UNIVERSITY, MICHIYO WANTED TO GO WITH YOU!
ICHIMURA, YOU WERE TOO ABSORBED IN YOUR RESEARCH TO EVEN UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF MICHIYO'S TEARS!
WHA?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU! YOU MARRIED MICHIYO-- DIDN'T YOU?!
I LOVED MICHIYO FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART!
BUT FOR ALL MY DEVOTION, IT WAS YOU SHE REALLY LOVED!

SOON AFTER YOU LEFT, THE WAR STARTED. BEFORE I WENT TO THE FRONT, I PRACTICALLY FORCED HER TO MARRY ME.
I WAS HAPPY... EVEN IF SHE STILL LOVED YOU..
ICHIMURA, CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND HOW I FELT?
I'M THE ONE WHO WAS JEALOUS!

KREK
KaCHEE
BRATATATATA
O DAMN!
VIP
VIP
VIP
VIP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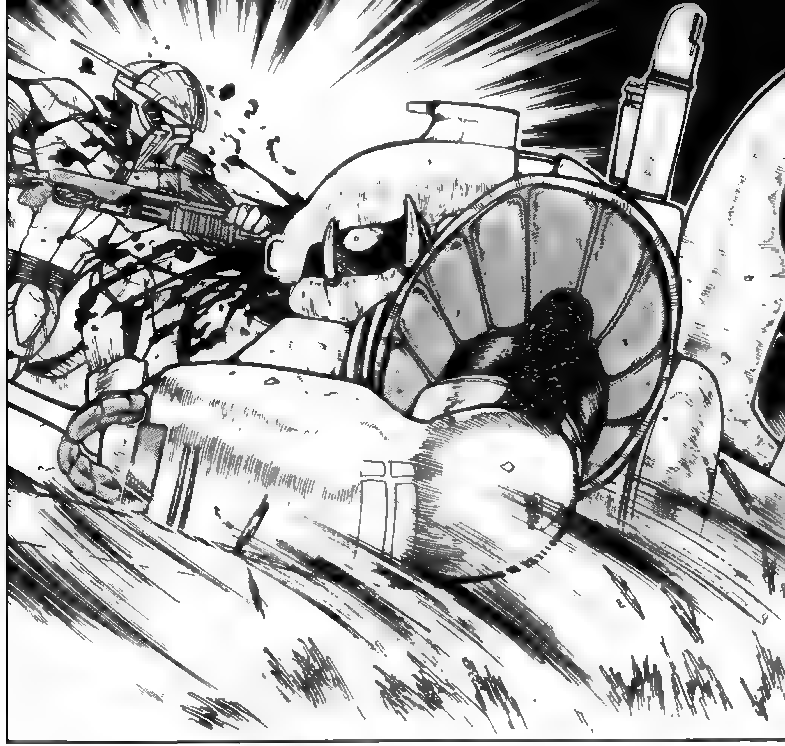
ZKLING
CHRUNK!
AAAH
HHRR!!



WHAT?!
..THE BLOODY SEA...THE MEN YOU SERVE LIKE A FAWNING COURT SLAVE..
THEY KILLED MICHIYO!
ONE MORE THING.. IF YOU'LL LISTEN
WASN'T GRANDMA KILLED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN.?
CRASH!

LOOK OUT, GRAMPS!
!
BLAM
BACK OFF, M-MONSTER!
KCHOW!

VROOO
GAAAAAH!
KKKRRRR
R.

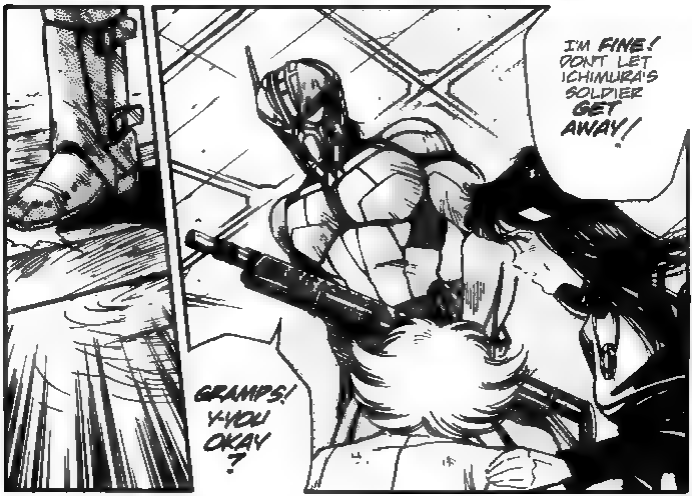
SCENE 5

DEATH ON-DISK XII

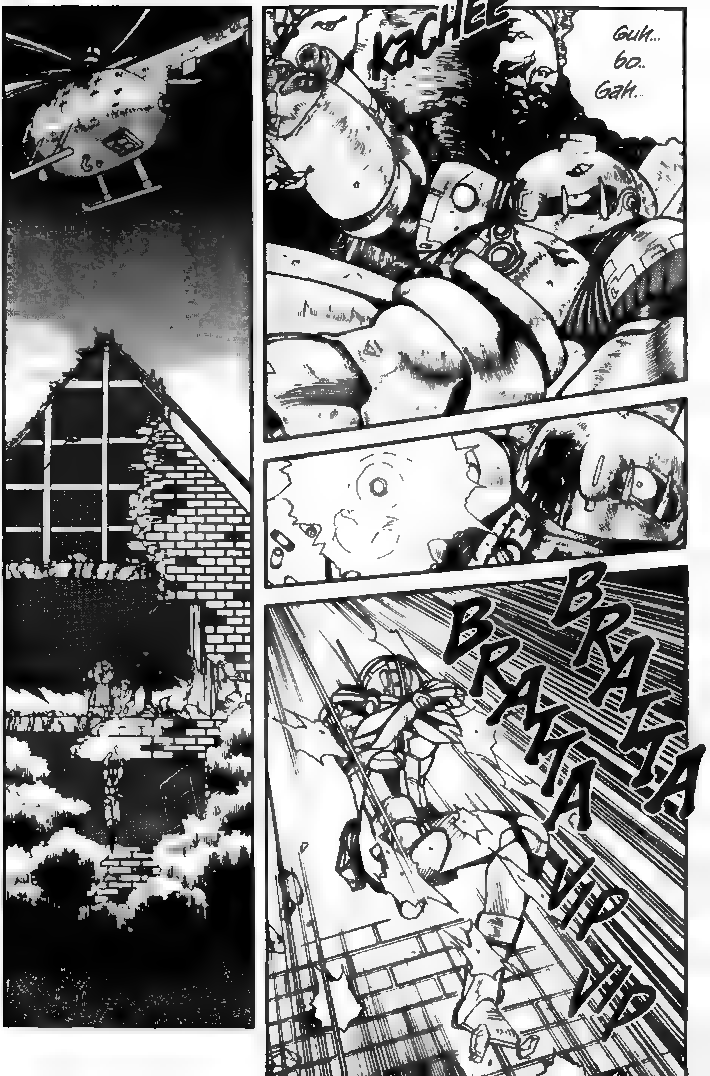
YAAAGH!
AAHH!
WHUD!

CHIK

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, GRAMPS?
YES. I SEEM TO BE UNSCATHED.


I'M FINE! DON'T LET ICHIMURA'S SOLDIER GET AWAY!
GRAMPS! Y-YOU OKAY?

ASUKA!!!
DAMN!
SHEE


KaCHEE
Guh..
bo..
Gah..
BRAATA
BRAATA
BRAATA

ASUKA!
I TOLD YOU GGUNS ARE USELESS AGAINST ME!
WHOOSH
KA-POW!

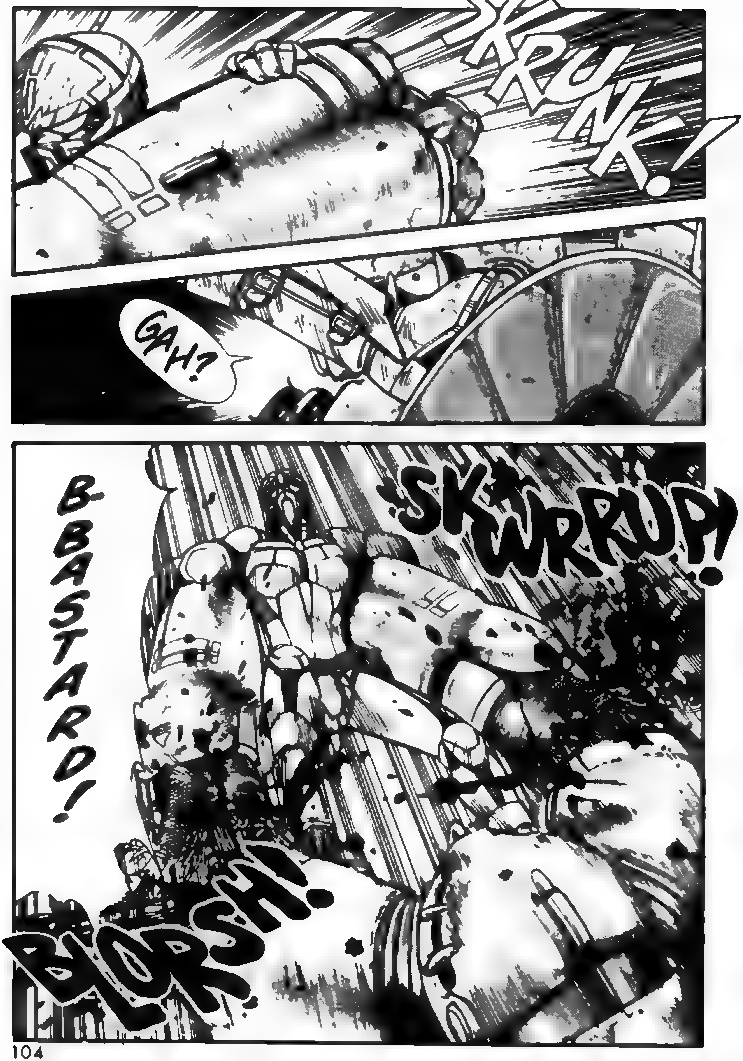
ASUKA!
SONOKO, YOU WANTED TO KNOW THE TRUTH. ALL RIGHT, THEN-- WE WON'T HIDE IT FROM YOU ANY LONGER..
...WATCH WITH YOUR OWN TWO EYES..
NOW, THIS IS YOUR FIGHT, TOO!
WHO..?
OH.. YOKO...

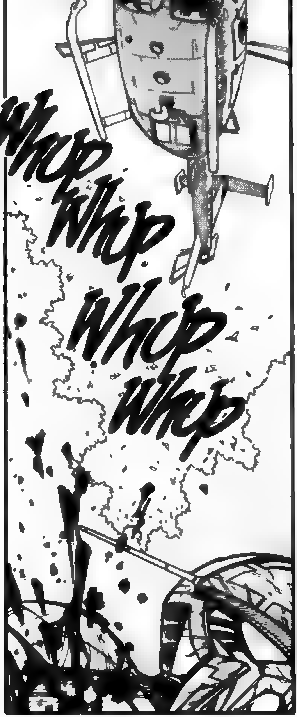
YOU SEE, SONOKO, ASUKA'S HUMAN HEART BEATS WITHIN THE BODY OF A MACHINE!
THE BLOODY SEA TURNED HIM INTO XENON. AND NOW HE'S FIGHTING TO DESTROY THEM!
WHEN HE FIRST FOUND OUT HE WAS A CYBORG, ASUKA NEARLY WENT CRAZY. HE MUST HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT SUICIDE.
SLAMASH!
...BUT HE JUST COULDN'T KILL HIMSELF!

HE KNEW THAT HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD STOP THE BLOODY SEA!
HIS MOTHER WAS KILLED..
YOU ALMOST LOST YOUR LIFE..
..POOR AGUKA THOUGHT MANY PEOPLE WOULD SUFFER BECAUSE OF HIM..
..AND HE KNEW HE COULDN'T JUST END HIS CYBORG LIFE.
..NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE MIGHT HAVE WANTED TO DIE—
..HE KNEW HE HAD TO FIGHT!

YOKO... HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL OF THIS?
HERE...
...TOUCH MY LEGS..
YOKO.. YOUR LEGS... THEY'RE COLD!
ASUKA WASN'T THE ONLY ONE TAKEN BY THE BLOODY SEA!

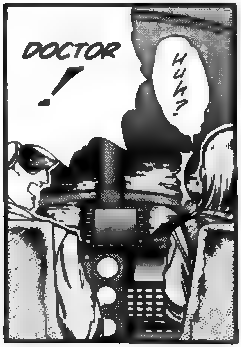
KRUNCH!
BASH!
10
S-SONOKO DISCOVERED MY SECRET BECAUSE OF YOUR PERSISTENCE, MONSTER!
Heh, heh, heh, heh, heh!
BUT YOU'LL NEVER INTERFERE IN OUR LIVES AGAIN...
B-BELIEVE ME!


SKRUNK!
GAH!
SKWRRUP!
BBASTARD!
BLORSH!


WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP

DOCTOR ICHIMURA! RED BEARD..!

MY POOR LOVELY MICHIYO. KILLED BY THE BLOODY SEA!
MICHIYO..


DOCTOR!
HUH?

MICHIYO!

WHUP!
RED BEARD! LAUNCH YOUR SMOKE BOMBS! WE'RE COMING!

GAAAH!
unnh
unnh
BREEE!
GUDAH
GUDAH
GUDAH

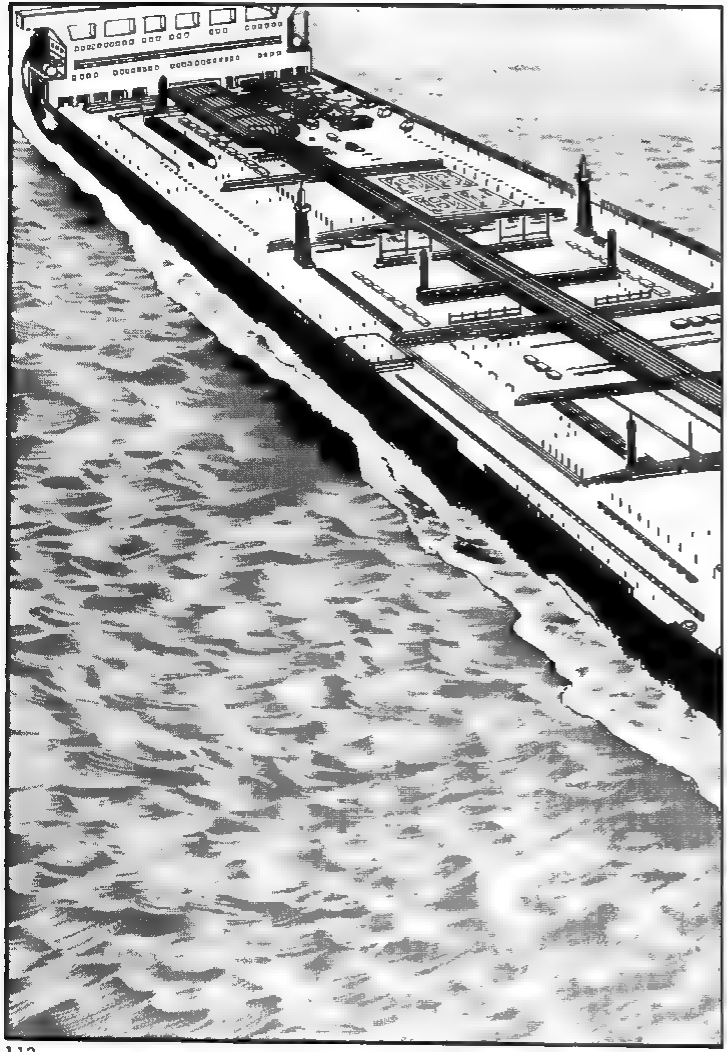
BLOO!
BLOO!
GHEEE
NO!
THEY'RE ESCAPING!
HYDEMON!
THIS IS IT! A FIGHT TO THE FINISH!
THERE IS A FIFTY TON TANKER IN TOKYO BAY-- TWELVE MILES OFF THE COAST! NO ONE KNOWS OF IT..
...BUT I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU THERE!

WHOP WHOP
A TANKER NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT..? IS HE CRACKED ?
HE MUST MEAN THE BLOODY SEAS WEAPON FREIGHT VESSEL!
KLIK
ASUKA !

DOOM
Heh, heh.. ISN'T THIS GREAT? THIS IS MY BODY NOW!

I WAS TOLD ONLY MY HEART AND BRAIN ARE FOR REAL.
WELL UH I
HEH... YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN WHEN THEY TORE MY ARM OFF EARLIER!
BUT, ASUKA. I. I FEEL.
THEY JUST RIPPED MY ARM OFF, AND I DIDN'T FEEL A THING! NO PAIN AT ALL! JUST A SPURT OF OIL AND BLOOD!
ASUKA!
PLEASE, ASUKA LISTEN TO SONOKO.. CAREFULLY.
IT ALL HAPPENED SO SUDDENLY... I'M STILL A LITTLE CONFUSED..

...BUT HAVEN'T YOU HAD THIS BODY FOR EIGHT MONTHS-- EVER SINCE I MET YOU AGAIN?
I.. I DIDN'T NOTICE IT AT ALL...
...YOU'RE STILL THE ASUKA I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN.
DAMN..
I'M S-SORRY, BUT I WH/ANT YOU TO GO HOME NOW. SONOKO...
...Y-YOKO, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HER.



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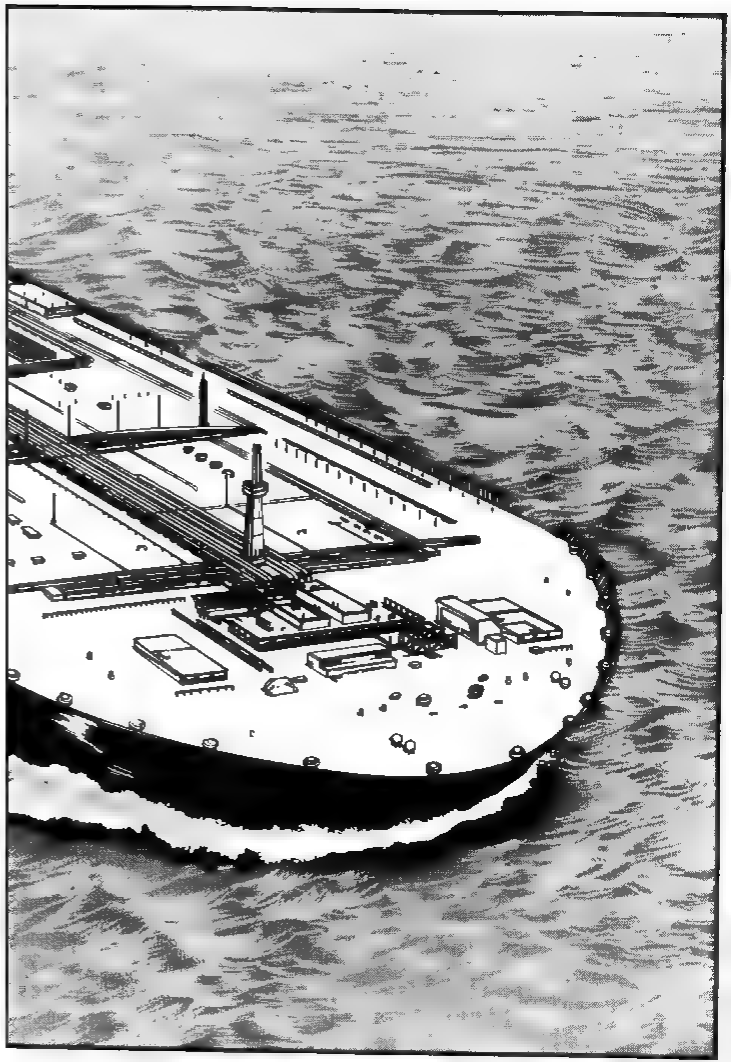

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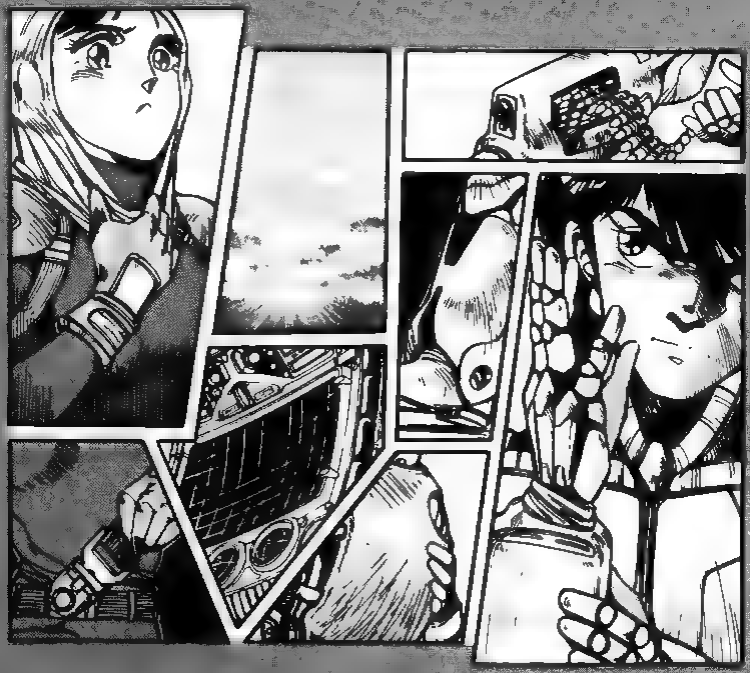
SCENE 6
DEATH ON DISK XIII



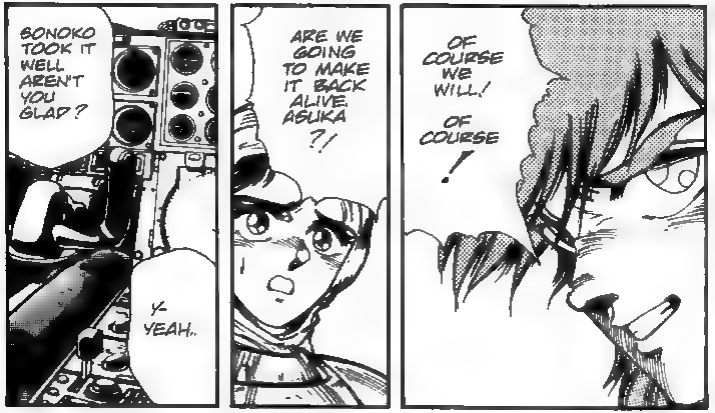
I BET GRAMPS HAS WHOKEN UP BY NOW! HE'S NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY!
WE JUST COULDNT HAVE HIM TAGGING ALONG, ASUKA!

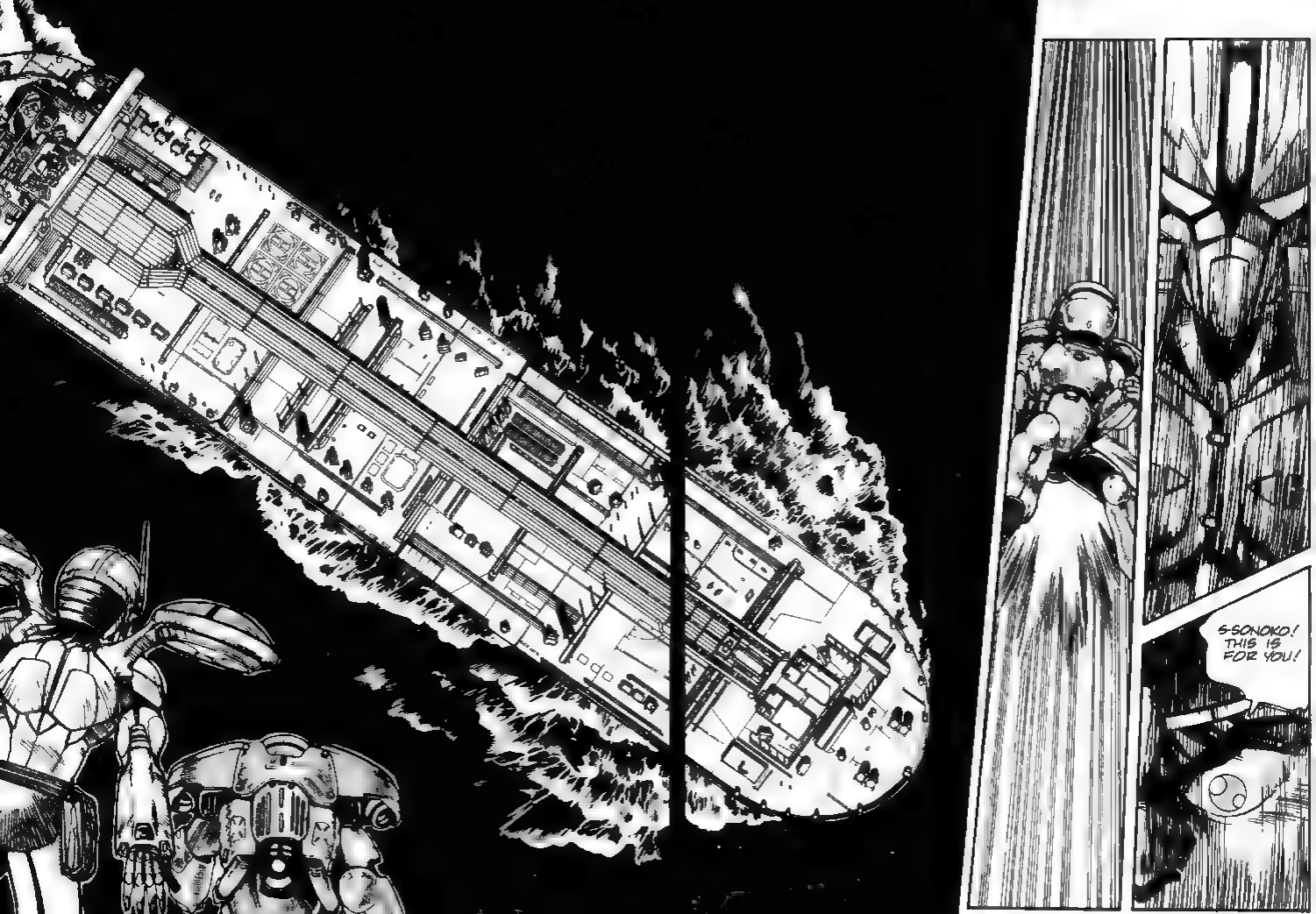
YOU'RE RIGHT--BUT I'M GLAD I'M NOT THERE TO HEAR HIM YELL!
hee, hee, hee!

LOOK! OVER THERE!

WHA?!
N-NOW OF ALL TIMES?!

IT'S JUST FOR LUCK..


SONOKO TOOK IT WELL AREN'T YOU GLAD?
Y- YEAH..
ARE WE GOING TO MAKE IT BACK ALIVE, ASUKA ?!
OF COURSE WE WILL!
OF COURSE!


S-SONOKO!
THIS IS
FOR YOU!

ASUKA..
THUNK
I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW. C-COULD YOU COME BACK LATER?
ASUKA...
YOU CAN KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING..
I'M SORRY. YOU MUST BE PISSED AT ME, ASUKA.

I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT I'M FEELING.
...I'M HAPPY, ASUKA.
...HAPPY EVER SINCE I SAW YOU THAT DAY

I'VE BECOME CLOSER AND CLOSER TO YOU.. I'VE LEARNED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU FEEL.. HOW YOU THINK.
C-LOFT
I'VE FILLED MY HEART WITH THOUGHTS OF YOU.
..AND YOU TRUSTED ME WITH THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU..

...I WAS SURPRISED AT FIRST...
..BUT I REALIZE THAT EVEN WITH ALL YOUR CHANGES, AND YOUR BATTLES WITH THOSE FREAKS...
..YOU'VE STILL BEEN AWFULLY NICE TO ME AND RISA...
...YOU'RE SO GENTLE, ASUKA
IF I WERE YOU, I THINK I'D BE COMPLETELY BRAINDEAD BY NOW!
I'M HAPPY NOW.
..HAPPY THAT I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU...

...HAPPY THAT I FELL IN LOVE WITH A MAN NAMED ASUKA KANO!
DANG
DANG
S-SONOKO..
...SONOKO!

SEE! YOUR BODY IS WARM..
...AND I CAN HEAR YOUR HEARTBEATS, TOO.
...NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE ELSE SAYS, YOU ARE HUMAN!
NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE ELSE SAYS..
...ASUKA IS ASUKA!
TH-THANK YOU, SONOKO..

SHAAAA
YEAH!
I STILL HAVE SOMEONE TO GO HOME TO!
INCOMING MISSILES!
DON'T GET HIT, YOKO!
FWSH
FWSH
FWSH
FWSH
FWSH
ORYAAH!

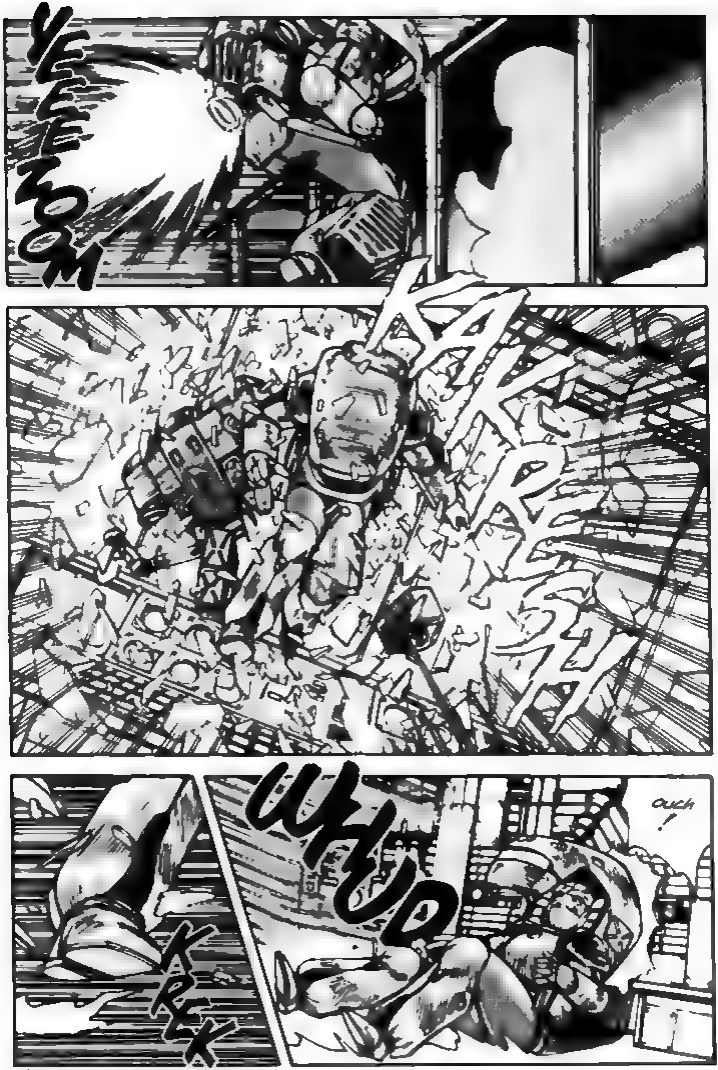
SHOOM!
NOW!
p'k-plik
KABLAM
SHWOOM
SHWOOM
NOT BAD, YOKO!
NOW, BEFORE THE SECOND WAVE OF MISSILES, LET'S FIRE OUR FIRST SHOT!
FIRE!

FCHADDER!
FWSH
FWSH
FWSH
FWSH
FWSH
FWSH
KRAKKOTA!

NO!
HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY !?
BLAM

Hah.. XENON DOES NOT FARE POORLY..
MICHIYO.. THIS IS WHAT I DO
TO ATONE FOR MY SIN!
BUT THE BATTLE BETWEEN US, XENON, IS A DIFFERENT MATTER!
KIIK

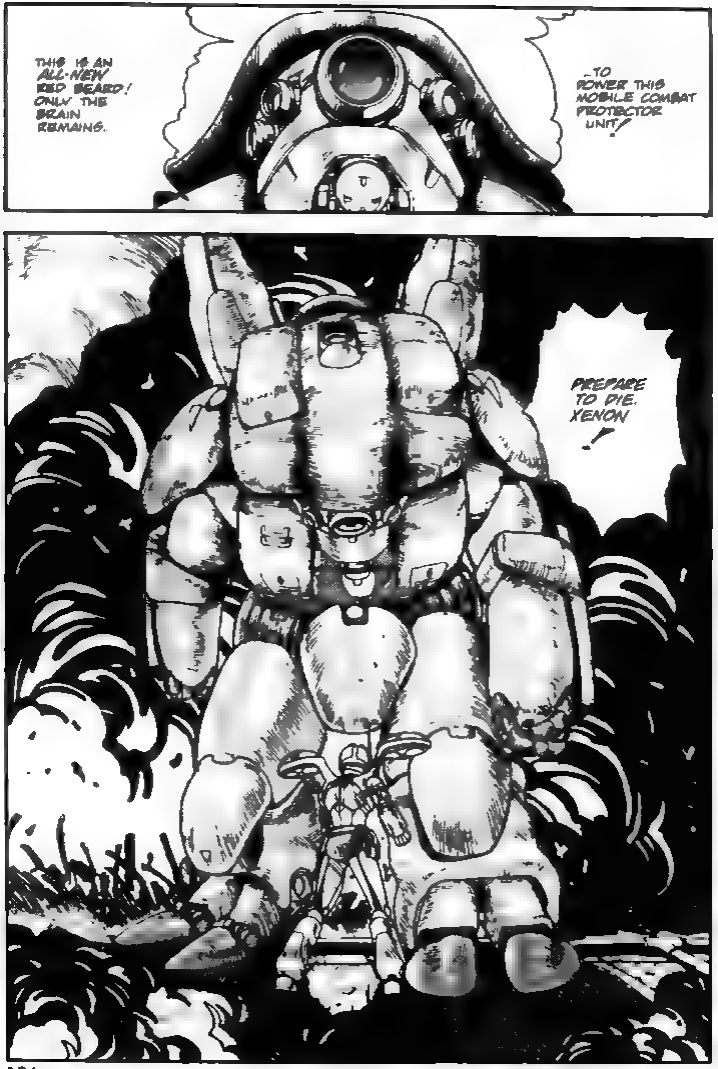
RED BEARD! YOUR PREY HAS COME! HUNT HIM DOWN!
hhaah
VRRRR
ka ting
YOKO! YOU'VE GOT TO FIND RYUJI BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
I'M ON MY WAY!
SHEEOOM


VEEEOOM
KA-RRASH
KRK
WHUP
ouch!

DAMN YOU, XENON!
BRATTA BRATTA BRATTA BRATTA BRATTA
UNGH!
SSSSSS
IDIOTS! DON'T PUSH ME! I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO KILL YOU ALL!

GUDDA GUDDA
GUDDA GUDDA GUDDA
VIP VIP VIP
BASTARD !
KARAAAM
COME OUT, TONO! THIS TIME WE END IT!
XENON, DON'T FORGET ME IN YOUR RUSH TO FIGHT TONO!
TH-THAT'S CHIMURA'S VOICE !
WHERE ARE YOU, YOU COWARD ?!

I DONT CARE IF I NEVER WORK FOR THE BLOODY SEA AGAIN..
KONGG
KONGG
KONGG
..BUT MY SCIENTIFIC GENIUS WILL BEST HYDEMON NITTA'S !
KONGG
KONGG
RED BEARD WILL DESTROY YOU, XENON !
KONGG!
YOU CREEPS ARE SO PERSISTENT !
YOU ALMOST M-MAKE ME LAUGH!


THIS IS AN ALL-NEW RED BEARD! ONLY THE BRAIN REMAINS.
..TO POWER THIS MOBILE COMBAT PROTECTOR UNIT!
PREPARE TO DIE, XENON!

SCENE 7

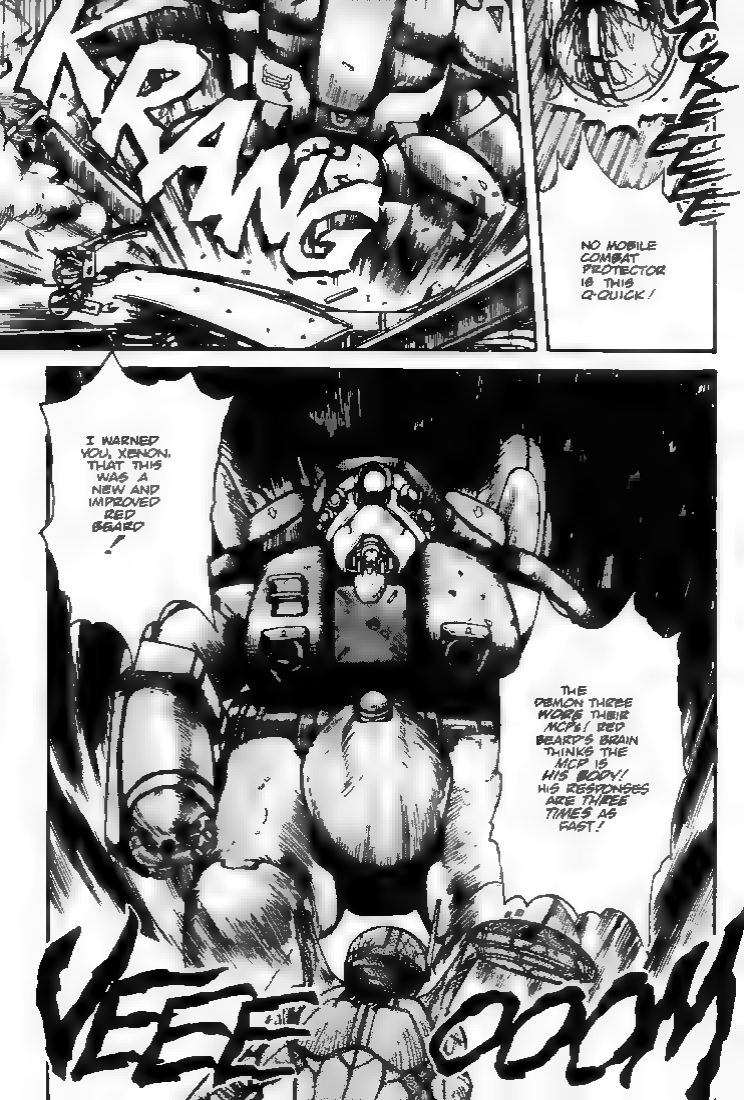
DEATH ON DISK XIV

BOOM
RRMMM
KABOOM
Huh ?!
WHERE ?
FWUMP!
WHAT! I STILL HAVE MY OWN HAND!

I HAD GIVEN MYSELF OVER TO THE BLOODY SEA..
..ASKED THEM TO MAKE ME A HEAVY METAL WARRIOR
NOW ALL I WANT TO DO IS ESCAPE
WHAT A COWARD I AM.
THERE IS NO ESCAPE FOR YOU..
IS THERE, ASUKA ?
RRMMM
BOOM
OUTSIDE ?!
EXPLOSIONS. SOMETHING'S GOING ON OUT THERE !
ASUKA !
KABOOM
BAM!

HOW DOES THIS THING MOVE SO FAST?!
D-DAMN IT!
FWEEEEE

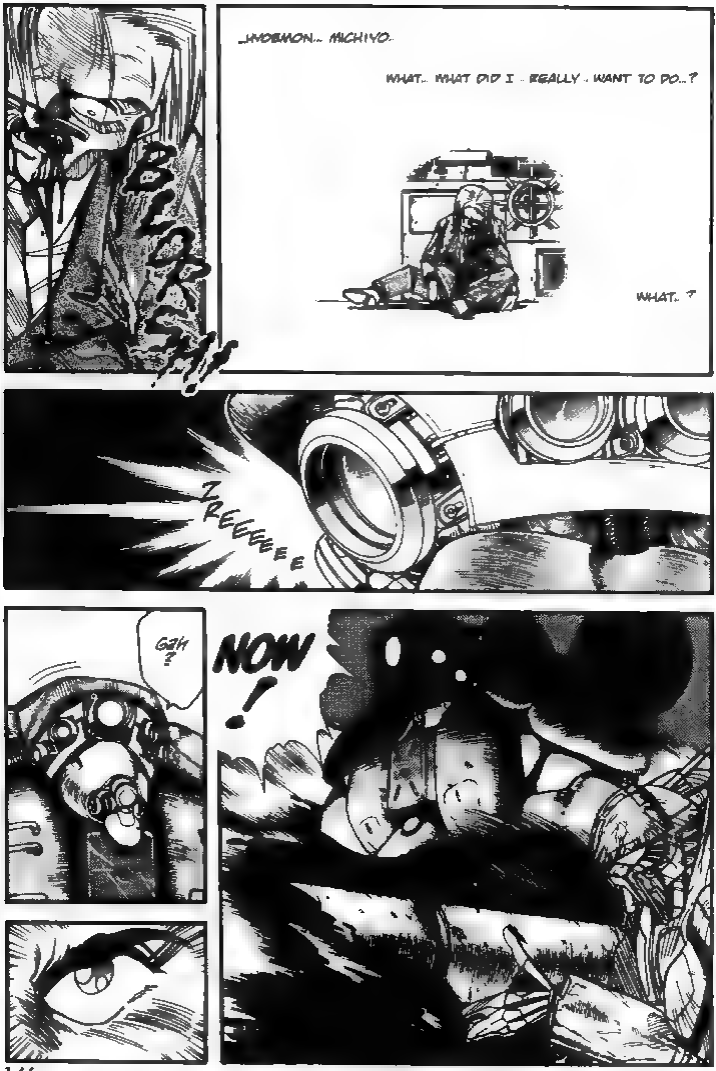
FWEE
SH!
FWHAM!
WHA
?!
bleep bleep
EEN

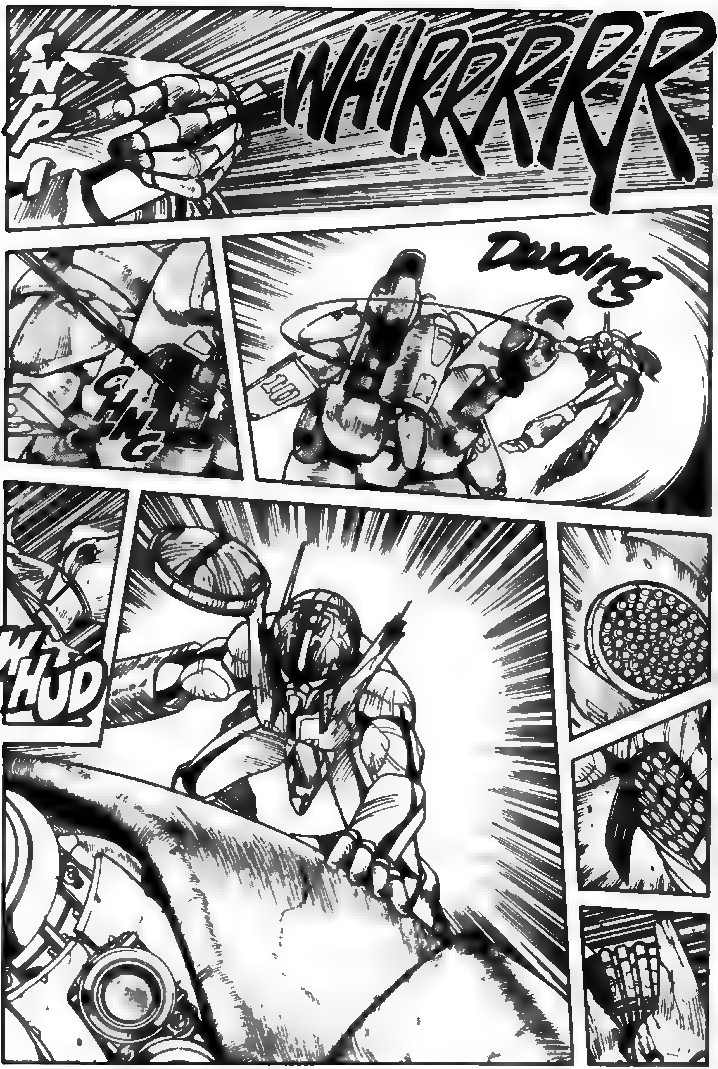

KRANG
SCREEEE
NO MOBILE COMBAT PROTECTOR IS THIS Q-QUICK!
I WARNED YOU, XENON, THAT THIS WAS A NEW AND IMPROVED RED BEARD!
THE DEMON THREE WORE THEIR MCP'S! RED BEARD'S BRAIN THINKS THE MCP IS HIS BODY! HIS RESPONSES ARE THREE TIMES AS FAST!
VEEE
OOOM

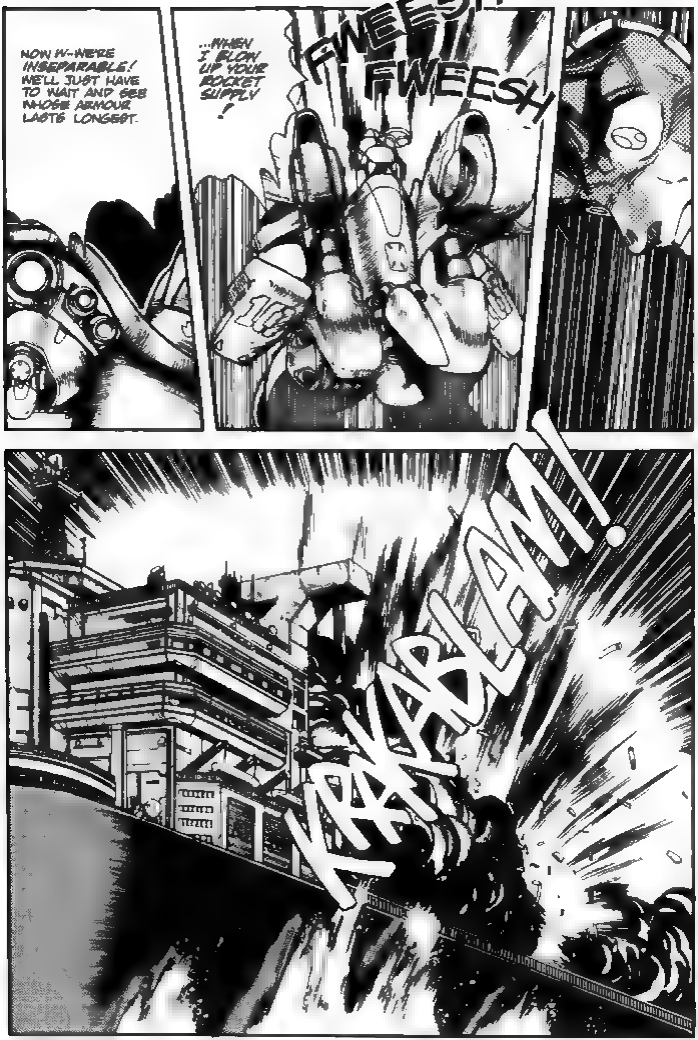
MY ONLY CHANCE WILL BE TO GRAB HOLD OF HIM IF HE'S DISTRACTED FOR A MOMENT!
breeCHONKT
FWEESH!
BASTARD!
FWEESH!
ARRAAA
HEH, HEH, HEH.
YOU MUST BE DOING WELL, RED BEARD!
KABOOM
BOOM
WHA?
SO, YOU'VE FINALLY CREATED SOMETHING WE'LL BE ABLE TO SELL!

YOU'VE ACTED EXACTLY AS I KNEW YOU WOULD
...SO PREDICTABLE, DOCTOR ICHIMURA
HEH.
EXACTLY AS YOU KNEW I WOULD?! HAH! THIS TANKER WILL CRASH INTO THE TOKYO PORT IN THIRTY MINUTES!
Heh heh heh
NOW THE BLOODY GSA WILL BE REVEALED TO THE WORLD!
SIMPLETON YOUR PLAN IS NO SURPRISE..
I'VE ALREADY HAD THE TANKER'S CREW EVACUATED!

BUT HOW-?!
KNOWING YOUR PAST RELATIONSHIP WITH HYDEMON NITTA, I CALCULATED YOUR ACTIONS.
I ASSUMED YOU WOULD ATTACK HIS HOUSE AGAINST MY ORDER AND TELL THEM ABOUT THIS TANKER FOR. YOU SEE, I KNEW ABOUT MICHIYO..
...AND I HAD HER KILLED!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU..?
YOUR DEATH, DOCTOR ICHIMURA.. YOUR DEATH
NO. I CAN'T. NOT YET..
UNGH!


BLOOD!!!
...MOBMON... MICHIYO.
WHAT.. WHAT DID I - REALLY - WANT TO DO..?
WHAT..?
IREEEEEE
GAH?
NOW!


WHIRRRRR
DUCKS
CLANG
WHUD

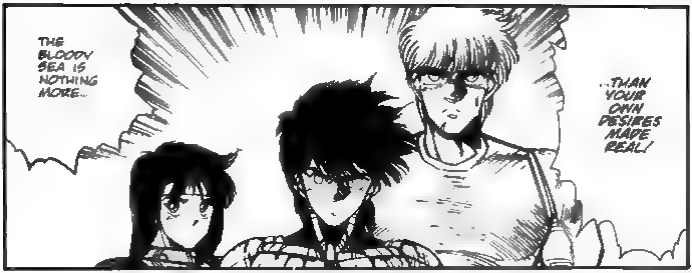

NOW W-WE'RE INSEPARABLE! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHOSE ARMOUR LASTS LONGEST.
...WHEN I BLOW UP YOUR ROCKET SUPPLY!
FWEESH
FWEESH
KRAKABLAM!

UHH...
UHM
KLAK
RYUJI! WHERE ARE YOU?!
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
CAN YOU HEAR ME?! ANSWER ME!
IS THAT YOU, YOKO?
I'M HERE, YOKO!
I'M LOCKED IN! CAN YOU GET THE DOOR OPEN?
SURE THING! HANG TIGHT!
OKAY, RYUJI! STAND BACK FROM THE DOOR!
BRATTA BRATTA BRATTA
WHUMP

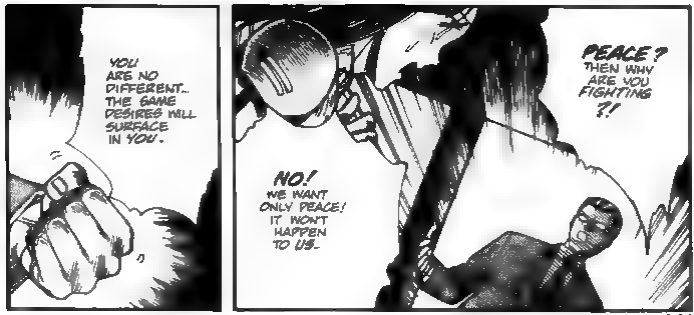
THEY... THEY STILL HAVEN'T CHANGED ME INTO A MACHINE...
I'M GLAD, RYUJI
krnc
THUNK
ASUKA...
SO, YOU HAVEN'T SUCCESSFULLY SOLD YOUR SOUL YET...
UM! WELL, NO

ONCE YOU BECOME A MACHINE, RYUJI, THERE'S NO WAY BACK. DON'T CHOOSE TO BECOME WHAT THEY FORCED ME TO BE..
I'M SORRY, ASUKA. PUNCH ME OUT. I DESERVE IT.
DON'T BE AN IDIOT! YOUR HEAD WOULD FLY OFF!
THAT'S WHAT IT IS TO BE A CYBORG, RYUJI..
ENOUGH TALK! ICHIMURA'S UP THERE! LET'S GO!
GK

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
TONO, I'VE CHANGED MY MIND!
NO YOUR MIND IS STILL THE SAME.
..WE THINK ALIKE, YOU THREE AND I
WHAT!?


THE BLOODY SEA IS NOTHING MORE..
..THAN YOUR OWN DESIRES MADE REAL!

LONG BEFORE THE DAYS OF HOMO SAPIENS, YOUR GENETIC FOREBEARS MURDERED EACH OTHER..
MEN WANT POWER
MEN WANT MONEY
MEN WANT TO LIVE AT EASE
..AND HUMAN BEINGS CANNOT EVEN ACCOMPLISH THESE PETTY DESIRES WITHOUT BLOODSHED!

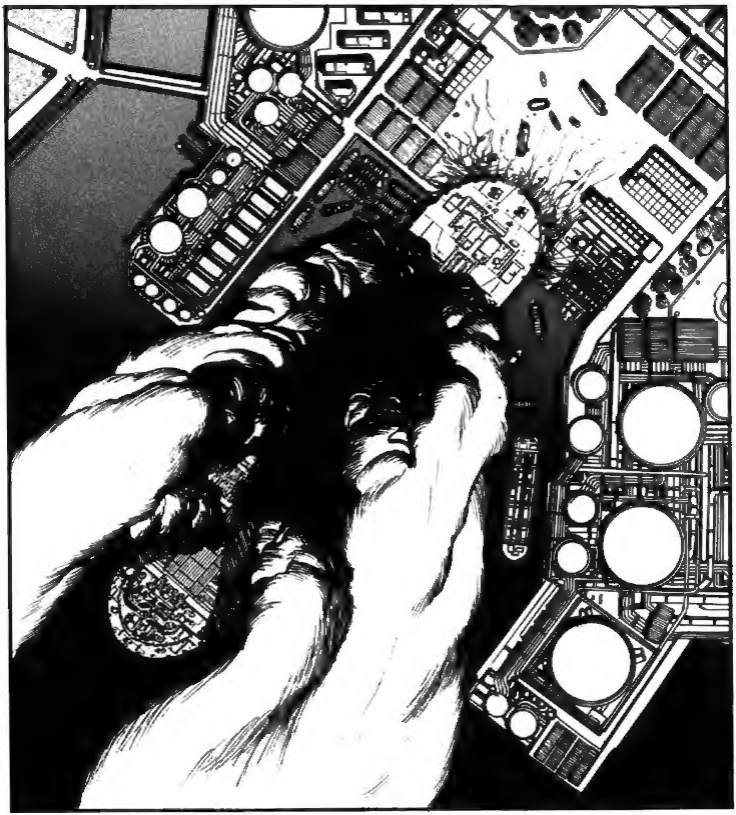

YOU ARE NO DIFFERENT.. THE SAME DESIRES WILL SURFACE IN YOU.
NO! WE WANT ONLY PEACE! IT WON'T HAPPEN TO US..
PEACE? THEN WHY ARE YOU FIGHTING?!

BAAGHH
TH-THIS IS NOT A FIGHT FOR ANY DESIRES!
THIS IS A FIGHT FOR THE TRUTH!
I FIGHT FOR MY MOTHER, WHO YOU SL-SLAUGHTERED!
AND I FIGHT FOR THE FEW BACK HOME WHO BELIEVE IN M-ME!
I FIGHT FOR YOKO, WHOSE LEGS YOU STOLE!

THE BLOODY SEA MAKES PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT EVIL IS GOOD!
hsh
WE CAN'T LIVE LIKE THAT! THE BLOODY SEA MUST BE DESTROYED!
GUDDA GUDDA GUDDA GUDDA
I DON'T WANT THIS CYBORG BODY!
VIP VIP VIP VIP

Heh, heh! YOU LACK THE MATURITY TO KILL ME, XENON!
CONTINUE YOUR FIGHT FOR "THE TRUTH"!
BUT BE CAREFUL...
YOU JUST MIGHT LOSE YOUR WAY...
THIS IS THE MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY!
STOP THE BOAT IMMEDIATELY!
KRUNCH!

I WONDER IF THEY'RE ALL RIGHT...
DON'T WORRY, GONOKO...
...HE PROMISED ME...
YEAH, IT'D TAKE FOURTEEN GODZILLAS TO KILL THOSE THREE!
YOU'RE RIGHT. ASUKA SAID HE'D COME BACK NO MATTER WHAT...



...and I BELIEVE him...

--The End--